

Meeting minutes of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) held on March 6, 2017 in the Thesis Defence Room, SFU Library

**Present:**

**Ex-Officio**

Wade Parkhouse (Chair)  
Jeff Derksen (Associate Dean)  
Peter Liljedahl (Associate Dean)  
Nicole White (Library)  
Chantal Turpin (GSS Representative)  
Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald (Curriculum)  
Sheilagh MacDonald (Acting Secretary)

**Faculty Chairs:**

Faisal Beg (FAS)  
Lisa Shapiro (FASS)  
Zoë Druick (FCAT)  
Shawn Bullock (EDUC)  
Dongya Yang (FENV)  
Stephen Smith (HSCI)  
Peter Ruben (SCI)

**Graduate Students:**

Hannah Celinski  
Charanjot Singh

**Regrets:**

Ian McCarthy (BUS)

1. Approval of agenda **Approved**
2. Review of the SGSC minutes of February 6, 2017 **Approved**
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. Chair's Report

A revised executive order to the U.S. travel ban will go into effect March 16, 2017. An SFU website with up-to-date information and advice is available: [www.sfu.ca/students/us-travel-ban/](http://www.sfu.ca/students/us-travel-ban/)

The SGSC annual retreat will take place in April; information re the date and location will be sent out shortly. Potential topics include the number of students completing master's credentials without writing a thesis and the number of new courses being developed. Retreat topics and material will be sent at a later date.

5. **For Approval**

5.1 **Course Changes**

Faculty of Applied Sciences

- 1) Title and description change for ENSC 815
- 2) Title, description and prerequisite change for ENSC 861
- 3) Title, description and grading change for MSE 801

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

- 4) Description and grading change for ECON 831
- 5) Title change for GERO 810
- 6) Title and description change for POL 830, POL 838 and POL 839
- 7) Course deletion of PSYC 810 and PSYC 835
- 8) Prerequisite change for PSYC 807D
- 9) Title and prerequisite change for PSYC 825 and PSYC 999
- 10) Title and description change for PSYC 836
- 11) Unit change for PSYC 898 and PSYC 899

### Faculty of Education

- 12) Description and grading change for EDUC 928

### Faculty of Environment

- 13) Unit change for ARCH 872 and ARCH 873

### Faculty of Science

- 14) Description change for CHEM 801, 802 and CHEM 808
- 15) Course deletion for CHEM 881 and CHEM 882

**Approved under delegated authority**

## **5.2 New Courses**

### Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

- 1) ENGL 882: MA Project
- 2) ENGL 894: PhD Thesis Prospectus
- 3) GERO 896: Project Proposal
- 4) GERO 897: Thesis Proposal
- 5) GERO 994: Comprehensive Examination I
- 6) GERO 995: Comprehensive Examination II
- 7) GERO 996: Thesis Prospectus
- 8) POL 800: Research Design in Political Science
- 9) POL 816: Feminist Social and Political Thought
- 10) POL 840: Issues in International Relations, Foreign Policy, and Security
- 11) PSYC 791: Proseminar 2 in Law and Psychology
- 12) PSYC 807F: Advanced Topics in Intervention: Dialectical Behaviour Therapy
- 13) PSYC 895: MA Thesis Proposal
- 14) PSYC 896: PhD Thesis Proposal
- 15) PSYC 991: Research Comprehensive Examination 1
- 16) PSYC 992: Research Comprehensive Examination 2
- 17) PSYC 993: Research Comprehensive Examination 3

A committee member requested a rationale as to why ENGL 882 MA Project was being assigned letter grades instead of IP/COs which is typical for other final capstones. J. Derksen responded that while the Department of English was aware they were able to give IP/COs, they felt assigning letter grades would help produce a higher standard of work. N. White recommended that students who are submitting digital projects meet with library staff early in the process.

POL courses have been weighted 5 units; however, they have 4 hours of contact per week. A working group will be formed by P. Liljedahl to investigate the variances in units in relation to contact hours.

Motion moved by L. Shapiro; seconded by J. Derksen

**Approved**

### Faculty of Environment

- 18) ARCH 874: PhD Prospectus & Colloquium
- 19) ARCH 875: PhD Comprehensive Examination

Motion moved by D. Yang; seconded by F. Beg

**Approved**

### **5.3 Program Changes**

#### Faculty of Applied Sciences

1) Engineering Science MASc, MEng and PhD

Motion moved by F.Beg; seconded by S. Smith

**Approved**

#### Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

2) Gerontology MA and PhD

3) English MA and PhD

4) Political Science MA

Motion moved by L. Shapiro; seconded by C. Turpin

**Approved**

#### Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

5) Interactive Arts and Technology MA, MSc and PhD

Motion moved by Z. Druick; seconded by D. Yang

**Approved**

#### Faculty of Education

6) Educational Technology and Learning Design MA

Motion moved by S. Bullock; seconded by C. Turpin

**Approved**

#### Faculty of Environment

7) Archaeology MA and PhD

Motion moved by D.Yang; seconded by F. Beg

**Approved**

#### Faculty of Science

8) Chemistry Graduate Co-operative Education Program (calendar deletion)

Motion moved by F. Beg; seconded by C. Turpin

**Approved**

9) Chemistry MSc and PhD

Motion moved by S. Bullock; seconded by Z. Druick

**Approved**

### **5.4 2016 Annual Report of SGSC**

Some editorial changes were indicated.

### **6. For Information (approved under delegated authority)**

#### **6.1 Minor Course Change**

##### Faculty of Applied Sciences

1) Course reinstatement for CMPT 701: Computability and Logic (**Summer 2017**)

**7.** Next SGSC meeting scheduled for April 3, 2017 (Material deadline March 16, 2017)