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

**Present:**

Ed Park (Acting Chair)  
Nicole White (Library)  
Chantal Turpin (GSS Representative)  
Shelley Gair (Associate Director)  
Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald (Curriculum)  
Daria Babeshko (Secretary)

**Graduate Students:**

Erin Hogg  
Sarah Lord Ferguson

**Faculty Chairs:**

Lisa Shapiro (FASS)  
Andrew Gemino (BUS)  
Stuart Poyntz via Skype (FCAT)  
Allan MacKinnon (EDUC)  
Dongya Yang (FENV)  
Stephen Smith (HSCI)  
Faisal Beg (FAS)

**Guests:**

Marianne Ignace  
Nancy Hedberg

**Regrets:**

Jeff Derksen (Acting Chair)  
Peter Ruben (SCI)

1. Approval of agenda **Approved**
2. Review of the SGSC minutes of September 11, 2017 **Approved**
3. Business arising from the minutes
  - 1) EDUC 935 Learning Design Demonstration of Mastery (previously EDUC 930)
  - 2) Education Technology and Learning Design Med  
Both items were not submitted to Senate at the request of EDUC. Revisions have been made to ensure the program requirements fit with TQS requirements.
  - 3) GGR revisions  
The committee was informed that the changes approved to the GGRs at the last meeting were editorial and did not need to go to Senate. The approved GGRs will be effective Spring 2018.
4. Chair's Report  
On behalf of J. Derksen, E. Park informed the committee that the budget for the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies will remain steady and that SFU raised issue of Provincial Graduate Scholarship Funding. George Agnes is covering the position of Associate Dean, Students. J. Derksen is attending the Canadian Association Graduate Studies Conference in Quebec and will report on the conference at the next SGSC meeting.
5. **For Approval**
  - 5.1 **New Program**  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
    - 1) MA in the Linguistics of a First Nations Language CSAR  
Including  
LING 830 Phonetics and Phonology of a First Nations Language  
LING 831 Morphology and Syntax of a First Nations Language

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LING 832 Narrative and Discourse Structure of a First Nations  
LING 833 Socio-cultural and Cognitive Aspects of a First Nations Language  
LING 834 Effective Pedagogies and Materials Development for First Nations  
Language  
LING 897 First Nations Linguistics MA Project

M. Ignace and N. Hedberg attended this portion of the meeting to introduce the proposal and answer questions. The committee was informed that the students who are currently enrolled in the Graduate Certificate Program would be applying to transfer into the proposed Master's program in Summer 2018. The department does not anticipate any other intakes into the CSAR during the lifespan of the program.

F. Beg left the meeting. S. Poyntz joined the meeting via Skype.

A member of the committee was concerned with there not being a plan for students who end up being out of sequence with the cohort. It was suggested to add a plan for directed readings or other option into the proposal. After discussion the following items were asked to be revised or addressed in the proposal: how the supervisory load will be managed, research and publication ownership, financial support from Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, revised course reading lists and a new support letter from the Squamish Nation. The SGSC supported the proposal and the rationale for the condensed timeline for approval process.

Moved by L. Shapiro; seconded by C. Turpin **Approved subject to revisions**

## **5.2 New Courses**

### Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

- 1) ECON 985 Comprehensive Examination in Microeconomic Theory
- 2) ECON 986 Comprehensive examination in Macroeconomic Theory
- 3) ECON 987 Field Comprehensive Examination
- 4) ECON 988 Second Field Comprehensive Examination

Moved by L. Shapiro; seconded A. Gemino **Approved**

### Faculty of Education

- 5) EDUC 934 Learning Design Development Workshop  
The grading criteria for EDUC 934 was seen as insufficient for a graduate course for credit. A more robust criteria is required prior to submission to Senate.

Moved by A. MacKinnon, seconded S. Smith **Approved subject to revisions**

## **5.3 Program Changes**

### Faculty of Applied Sciences

- 1) Professional MSc in Computer Science

Moved by E. Park; seconded C. Turpin **Approved**

### Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

- 2) Economics MA **Approved**

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3) Economics PhD

It was agreed that the description in “Other Information” either needed to be revised or taken out as the committee was not satisfied with the wording for the comprehensive examinations. Further details on these examinations should be included on the program website and handbook.

Moved by L. Shapiro; seconded A. Gemino

**Approved subject to revisions**

4) Political Science MA

5) Political Science PhD

Moved by L. Shapiro; seconded A. MacKinnon

**Approved**

Beedie School of Business

6) Management of Technology MBA

Moved by A. Gemino; seconded C. Turpin

**Approved**

**5.4 Temporary and permanent withdrawal of courses**

Moved by E. Park; seconded L. Shapiro

**Approved**

**6. For Discussion**

1) Course components

The course components definitions are to provide clarity and consistency across both graduate and undergraduate courses. A member raised a concern regarding the description for “Field School” which will be brought back to the course components committee.

N. White left the meeting.

2) Agenda format

3) Curriculum contact representative

Due to time constraint, the committee was unable to discuss “Agenda format” and “Curriculum contact representative”. Items will be moved to December SGSC meeting.

**7. For Information**

**7.1 Course Changes**

**Approved under delegated authority**

Beedie School of Business

1) Grading basis change for BUS 877

2) Grading basis change for BUS 878

Faculty of Science

1) Course reinstatement EASC 621

2) Course change EASC 603

**8. Next SGSC meeting is scheduled for 2:30 pm December 4, 2017 (material deadline November 16, 2017)**