

Meeting minutes of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) held on February 5, 2019 in the Thesis Defence Room, SFU Library

Present:

Jeff Derksen (Chair)
Zoë Druick (Associate Dean)
George Agnes (Associate Dean)
Nicole White (Library)
Noortje de Weers (designate for GSS representative)
Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald (Associate Director)
Daria Babeshko (Curriculum)
Kathleen Vieira-Ribeiro (Secretary)

Faculty Chair:

Sean Zwagerman (FASS)
Andrew Gemino (BUS)
Stuart Poyntz (FCAT)
Dongya Yang (FENV)
Timothy Beischlag (FHS)
Michael Silverman (SCI)

Regrets:

Parvaneh Saeedi (FAS)
Wanda Cassidy (EDUC)
Thomas Budd (GSS representative)
Sarah Lord Ferguson (Graduate Student)
Shuna Ho (Graduate Student)

1. Approval of agenda **Approved**
2. Review of the SGSC minutes of December 4, 2018 **Approved**
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. Chair's Report

The chair reported that there has been a decrease in the number of Tri-Agency applications and success rates. A discussion ensued; GPS will investigate further.

The chair welcomed Michael Silverman and Parvaneh Saeedi as new SGSC members. Thomas Budd is stepping down from his position as a graduate student on SGSC and joining the committee as a GSS representative.

The date for the next SGSC retreat is April 12, 2019. The April 2nd SGSC meeting will be cancelled. All curriculum items submitted for the April meeting will be held for the May SGSC and keep the same effective date.

5. For Approval
5.1 2018 Annual Report of SGSC

S. Zwagerman joined the meeting.

Moved by Z. Druick; seconded by D. Yang

Approved

5.2 Faculty of Applied Sciences

Department of Computing Science

- 5.2.1 Program change (calendar revision): Computer Science MSc
- 5.2.2 Course change (title and description): CMPT 771
- 5.2.3 Course change (course number): CMPT 880, CMPT 881, CMPT 882
- 5.2.4 Course change (course number and title): CMPT 884, CMPT 885, CMPT 888

Moved by S. Poyntz; seconded by Z. Druick

Approved

School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering

- 5.2.5 New course: MSE 812 Advanced 3D Printing

A committee member noted that the first two sentences in the course description were agrammatical and recommended removing them.

Moved by Z. Druick; seconded by S. Poyntz

Approved subject to revisions

5.3 Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

School for the Contemporary Arts

- 5.3.1 Program change (title): Comparative Media Arts MA
- 5.3.2 Course change (title and description): CA 821
- 5.3.3 Course change (title): CA 822, CA 827, CA 829

Moved by Z. Druick; seconded by S. Poyntz

Approved

5.4 Faculty of Environment

Departments of Geography

- 5.4.1 Program change (calendar revision): Geography MA
- 5.4.2 New course: GEOG 621 Advanced Geographical Political Economy
- 5.4.3 New course: GEOG 686 Advanced Health Geography
- 5.4.4 Course change (prerequisite): GEOG 678

A committee member requested increasing the number of contact hours for GEOG 621 and GEOG 686.

Moved by D. Yang; seconded by S. Poyntz

Approved subject to revisions

5.5 Temporary and permanent withdrawal of courses

Moved by Z. Druick; seconded by S. Poyntz

Approved

6. For Discussion

- 6.1** Associate deans to provide feedback on grading of capstone courses

SGSC discussed the feedback from various academic units regarding the grading of capstone courses. This item will be brought back at a future SGSC meeting with a draft policy for further discussion.

7. For Information **Approved under delegated authority**

7.1 Faculty of Applied Science

- 7.1.1 Program changes (calendar revisions): Sustainable Energy Engineering MASc and PhD

7.2 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Department of English

- 7.2.1 Program change (calendar revisions): English MA for Teachers of English

8. Other Business

9. The date for the next SGSC meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2019 (*Material Deadline February 14, 2019 at noon*)