

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

**Present:**

Jeff Derksen (Chair)  
Zoë Druick (Associate Dean)  
George Agnes (Associate Dean)  
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)  
Lucy Le Mare (designate for EDUC)  
Dongya Yang (FENV)  
Timothy Beischlag (FHS)  
Michael Silverman (SCI)

**Regrets:**

Nicole White (Library)  
Parvaneh Saeedi (FAS)  
Stuart Poyntz (FCAT)  
Sarah Lord Ferguson (Graduate Student)  
Shuna Ho (Graduate Student)

1. Approval of agenda **Approved**
2. Review of the SGSC minutes of February 5, 2019 **Approved**
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. Chair's Report

The chair encouraged associate deans to attend the Postdoctoral Association's annual research day on March 28 and the Woodward's Indigenous graduate student symposium on March 15 & 16 which is offered jointly with UBC.

5. For Approval

**5.1 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

Department of History

- 5.1.1 Full program proposal: History Graduate Certificate  
New calendar entry: History Graduate Certificate

A committee member recognized the importance of the program which will give more opportunities for teachers in the workplace.

Moved by S. Zwagerman; seconded by L. Le Mare **Approved**

Department of Economics

- 5.1.2 Program changes: Economics PhD
- 5.1.3 Course change (deletion): ECON 988

Moved by S. Zwagerman; seconded by T. Beischlag

**Approved**

Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

5.1.4 Program changes: Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies MA and PhD

5.1.5 Course changes (title): GSWS 811, GSWS 812

5.1.6 Course changes (title and description): GSWS 800, GSWS 820, GSWS 823, GSWS 824

Moved by S. Zwagerman; seconded by D. Yang

**Approved**

Department of Liberal Studies

5.1.7 Program changes (calendar revisions): Liberal Studies MA

A committee member recommended that the program description could be clearer. After a discussion, it was decided not to recommend any changes.

Moved by S. Zwagerman; seconded by G. Agnes

**Approved**

**5.2 Faculty of Education**

5.2.1 Course changes (title): EDPR 547, EDPR 548, EDPR 549, EDPR 550, EDPR 557, EDPR 558, EDPR 559, EDPR 560, EDPR 567, EDPR 568, EDPR 569, EDPR 570, EDPR 577, EDPR 578, EDPR 579, EDPR 580, EDPR 587, EDPR 588, EDPR 589, EDPR 590, EDPR 597, EDPR 598, EDPR 599

Moved by A. Gemino; seconded by D. Yang

**Approved**

**5.3 Faculty of Science**

Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology

5.3.1 Motion to create a new acronym: NEUR

Moved by M. Silverman; seconded by D. Yang

**Approved**

5.3.2 New courses: NEUR 800 Foundations of Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience  
NEUR 801 Foundations of Systems Neuroscience

NEUR 802 Translational and Integrative Neuroscience Workshop

5.3.3 New calendar entry (standalone): Translational and Integrative Neuroscience Specialization (TRAIN)

5.3.4 Program changes (calendar revisions for TRAIN): Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology MSc and PhD

5.3.5 Program changes (calendar revisions for TRAIN): Biological Sciences MSc and PhD

5.3.6 Program changes (calendar revisions for TRAIN) Psychology MA and PhD

5.3.7 Course changes (deletion): BPK 825, BPK 861, BPK865

SGSC requested to clarify the purpose of the TRAIN steering committee. It was explained that the interested students can apply to join the specialization through their

academic units but the steering committee will review their qualifications and keep track of enrollment in the specialization.

Moved by M. Silverman; seconded by G. Agnes

**Approved**

Department of Mathematics

5.3.8 Program changes: Mathematics MSc and PhD

5.3.9 Program changes: Applied and Computational Mathematics MSc and PhD

Moved by M. Silverman; seconded by D. Yang

**Approved**

Department of Physics

5.3.10 Course change (units): PHYS 899

SGSC recommended changing the number of units to 18 as all of the thesis courses are between 6-18 units.

Moved by A. Gemino; seconded by D. Yang

**Approved subject to revisions**

6. For Discussion

7. The date for the next SGSC meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2019 (*SGSC Retreat*)