Meeting minutes of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) held on October 8, 2019 in the Thesis Defence Room, SFU Library

Present:
Jeff Derksen (Chair)
Zoë Druick (Associate Dean)
George Agnes (Associate Dean)
Nicole White (Library)
Lucian Rinke-Hardekopf (GSS representative)
Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald (Associate Director)
Daria Babeshko (Curriculum)
Kathleen Vieira-Ribeiro (Secretary)

Faculty Chair:
Parvaneh Saeedi (FAS)
Sean Zwagerman (FASS)
Andrew Gemino (BUS)
Lucy Le Mare (EDUC)
Philippe Pasquier (FCAT)
Dongya Yang (FENV)
Duncan Saunders (designate for FHS)

Guests
Stephen Hart (PSYC)
Bal Basi (SCUP)

Regrets:
Michael Silverman (SCI)

1. Approval of agenda **Approved**

2. Review of the SGSC minutes of September 10, 2019 **Approved**

3. Business arising from the minutes

4. Chair's Report
   The Chair noted that there is a large number of graduate students attending this fall convocation.

5. For Approval
   5.1 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
   Department of Psychology
   5.1.1   Full program proposal: Terrorism, Risk, and Security Studies (TRSS) MA

   S. Hart attended this portion of the meeting to introduce the proposal and answer questions, B. Basi attended this portion of the meeting as an observer on behalf of SCUP.

   SGSC inquired about the number of applications, maximum cohort size, and how the program will be advertised. SGSC was informed that on average the program receives 35 applications with roughly 50% acceptance rate. The plan is to increase intake numbers to at least 25 students per cohort. Currently, the program is advertised only through word of mouth and faculty attending conferences; therefore, minimal effort will be required to raise its profile. S. Hart ensured the committee that there is an adequate number of faculty available to teach and supervise students. B. Basi recommended adding external letters of support and providing evidence that consultations with other institutions with similar programs took place. It was recommended only including one CIP code in the proposal that is most common to all other institutions. A committee member requested not starting spring 2021 admissions until the

Ministry has approved the program. Minor language revisions were recommended throughout the proposal.

Moved by S. Zwagerman; seconded by G. Agnes   **Approved subject to revisions**

5.1.2   Motion to create a new acronym: TRSS

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

5.1.3   Course changes (acronym, equivalency): CRIM 711, CRIM 720, CRIM 798
         Course changes (acronym, equivalency, title): CRIM 730, CRIM 731, CRIM 740
         Course change (acronym, equivalency, description): CRIM 710, CRIM 742
         Course change (acronym, equivalency, title, description): CRIM 721

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

5.2 Faculty of Applied Sciences
School of Computing Science
5.2.1   Program change: Computer Science MSc

SGSC expressed concern regarding the lack of available options for students who are unable to secure co-op placement, which is an integral part of the program. There was also concern raised regarding the remediation plan for students with unsatisfactory progress. It was agreed to table this item and bring it back at the next SGSC meeting.

Moved by P. Saeedi; seconded by G. Agnes   **Tabled**

5.2.2   New course: CMPT 780 Computer Security and Ethics
5.2.3   New course: CMPT 782 Cybersecurity Lab 1
5.2.4   New course: CMPT 783 Cybersecurity Lab 2
5.2.5   New course: CMPT 784 Cyber Risk Assessment and Management
5.2.6   New course: CMPT 785 Secure Software Design
5.2.7   New course: CMPT 786 Cloud and Network Security
5.2.8   New course: CMPT 787 Ethical Hacking
5.2.9   New course: CMPT 788 Information Privacy
5.2.10   New course: CMPT 789 Applied Cryptography
5.2.11   New course: CMPT 629 Graduate Project

A committee member noted that course forms are not signed and that grading for CMPT 785 needs to be updated.

Moved by P. Saeedi; seconded by G. Agnes   **Approved subject to revisions**

5.2.12   Course changes (title): CMPT 626, CMPT 627, CMPT 628

Moved by P. Saeedi; seconded by K. Gerlich-Fitzgerald   **Approved**

5.3 Faculty of Communications, Art and Technology
<u>School of Interactive Arts and Technology</u>
5.3.1   Program change: Accelerated Master's for Interactive Arts and Technology MA and MSc

A committee member recommended changing the effective date to Summer 2020.

Moved by P. Pasquier; seconded by A. Gemino   **Approved subject to revisions**

<u>School for the Contemporary Arts</u>
5.3.2   Course change (description, grading): CA 827

A committee member noted that courses graded on satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis cannot be a part of the minimum 30 units requirement for master's programs. Those courses have to be letter graded. It was agreed to table this item and bring it back at one of the future meeting.

Moved by P. Pasquier; seconded by G. Agnes   **Tabled**

5.4 Graduate General Regulations
5.4.1   Revisions: GGR 1.7.6 Courses in Master's and Doctoral Programs

Moved by K.Gerlich-Fitzgerald; seconded by Z. Druick   **Approved**

5.4.2   Revisions: GGR 1.8.2 Review of Unsatisfactory Progress

A committee member requested stating that a student may bring a support person to the graduate committee meeting. Minor language revisions were suggested.

Moved by G. Agnes; seconded by K. Gerlich-Fitzgerald   **Approved subject to revisions**

6. For Information
    6.1 GGR 1.7.4 Course Requirements for the Doctoral Degree
        GGR 1.7.5 Doctoral Thesis

7. The date for the next SGSC meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2019 *(SGSC submission deadline is October 17, 2019 at noon).*