

Meeting minutes of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) held on December 3, 2019 in the Thesis Defence Room, SFU Library

Present:

George Agnes (Acting Chair)
Zoë Druick (Associate Dean)
Nicole White (Library)
Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald (Associate Director)
Daria Babeshko (Curriculum)

Faculty Chair:

Andrew Gemino (BUS)
Lucy Le Mare (EDUC)
Philippe Pasquier (FCAT)
Dongya Yang (FENV)
Duncan Saunders (designate for FHS)

Guests

Karen Munroe (Associate Dean, Library)

Regrets:

Jeff Derksen (Chair)
Parvaneh Saeedi (FAS)
Sean Zwagerman (FASS)
Michael Silverman (SCI)
Lucian Rinke-Hardekopf (GSS representative)
Michelle Grahame (Secretary)

1. Approval of agenda

Approved

2. Review of the SGSC minutes of November 5, 2019

Approved subject to revisions

It was requested to clarify in 6.2 that each faculty will have its own custom template and language revisions were recommended in 6.1.

3. Business arising from the minutes

4. Chair's Report

Karen Munroe attended this portion of the meeting to present public facing version of the SFU Library Instruction plan. This document is a communication tool between the Library and SFU community and provides information on how Library can help students meet their educational goals. The chair informed the committee that it is important to integrate this plan within the current course framework of graduate programs and invited associate deans to send comments to GPS with respect to how SGSC can help further support activities at the Library and vice versa.

The chair informed the committee that Michelle Grahame is the new recording secretary for SGSC.

5. For Approval

5.1 Beedie School of Business

- 5.1.1 NOI: Indigenous Business Leadership Executive MBA
SGSC recommended making language revisions in the section on aims and goals to make it clear that this is not a research-based program and does not culminate in a thesis.

Moved by A. Gemino; seconded by D. Yang **Approved**

5.2 Faculty of Communications, Art and Technology

School of Communication

- 5.2.1 Program change (calendar revisions for Degree Audit): Global Communication Double Degree

It was recommended stating that the SFU extended essay is examined by two readers and has to be deposited to the Library

- 5.2.2 Course change (units): CMNS 860

SGSC recommended revising the first sentence in the course description to “Development of capstone topic and question choice, theory, method, audience, research ethics, writing and presenting.”

Moved by P. Pasquier; seconded by L. Le Mare **Approved subject to revisions**

5.3 Faculty of Environment

Ecological Restoration

- 5.3.1 New course: ECO 645 Special Topics in Ecological Restoration
5.3.2 New course: ECO 650 Directed Studies in Ecological Restoration

Moved by D. Yang; seconded N. White **Approved**

6. For Discussion

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

6.1 Faculty of Applied Sciences

School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering

- 6.1.1 Course changes (title): MSE 793, MSE 794

6.2 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

- 6.2.1 Course changes (title): LBRL 750, LBRL 751, LBRL 752

Department of Economics

6.2.2 Course changes (title): ECON 750, ECON 751, ECON 752

Department of Gerontology

6.2.3 Course change (title): GERO 850

Department of Political Science

6.2.4 Course change (title): POL 829

School of Public Policy

6.2.5 Program change: Public Policy MPP

6.2.6 Course change (title): PLCY 850

Urban Studies

6.2.7 Course changes (title): URB 701, URB 702

6.3 Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

School of Communication

6.3.1 Course changes (title): CMNS 881, CMNS 891, CMNS 892

6.4 Faculty of Environment

School of Resource and Environmental Management

6.4.1 Course changes (title): REM 690, REM 691

6.5 Faculty of Science

Department of Biological Sciences

6.5.1 Course changes (title): BISC 657, BISC 658

Department of Mathematics

6.5.2 Course changes (title): MATH 890, MATH 891

Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science

6.5.3 Course changes (title): STAT 880, STAT 881, STAT 882

7 The date of the next SGSC meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2020 (*SGSC submission deadline is December 12, 2019 at noon*).