Meeting minutes of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) held on January 7, 2020 in the Thesis Defence Room, SFU Library

Present:
George Agnes (Acting Chair)
Zoë Druick (Associate Dean)
Rahil Adeli (GSS representative)
Daria Babeshko (designate for Associate Director)
Michelle Grahame (Secretary)

Faculty Chair:
Parvaneh Saeedi (FAS)
Sean Zwagerman (FASS)
Andrew Gemino (BUS)
Philippe Pasquier (FCAT)
Lucy Le Mare (EDUC)
Dongya Yang (FENV)
Frank Lee (designate for FHS)
Michael Silverman (SCI)

Regrets:
Jeff Derksen (Chair)
Nicole White (Library)

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

> The Chair introduced Rahil Adeli, the new GSS representative, and Michelle Grahame as the new recording secretary for SGSC.
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> SGSC was informed about the transition from NetDrive to Sharepoint for hosting the repository. Sharepoint is a server supported by SFU and the committee can expect to find future SGSC materials uploaded here.
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> The Chair reported that K.Gerlich-Fitzgerald, the Associate Director, Records and Admissions is on leave and Daria Babeshko will be acting as the designate to vote.

5. <u>For Approval</u>
   5.1 2019 Annual Report of SGSC
   > The committee expressed interest in seeing further numerical breakdown by faculty and credential awarded for the total enrollment numbers. It was agreed that this information should be gathered and given to the Dean of Grad Studies for further analysis.
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   > S.Zwagerman joined the meeting.

Moved by Z.Druick; seconded by A. Gemino   **Approved**

5.2 Faculty of Applied Science
<u>School of Computing Science</u>
5.2.1   Program Change: Computing Science MSc and PhD

As the program only offers direct admission into the thesis stream, it was requested that the following sentence be added to the admission requirements section: "Direct admission is only permitted into the Thesis option".

The committee was informed that students who completed CMPT 700 in their MSc program, will not be required to repeat it in the PhD program. It was recommended that the language regarding this be added to the calendar entry.

It was requested that the language for MSc and PhD be modified under "Transfer from MSc to PhD Program" to reference the appropriate GGR number.

5.2.2   New Course: CMPT 700 Technical Writing & Research

The course title doesn't closely reflect course curriculum. It was requested to change the title to "Technical Writing and Research Communication".

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

5.3 Beedie School of Business
5.3.1   New Course: BUS 600 Orientation
5.3.2   New Course: BUS 618 Indigenous Business Management
5.3.3   New Course: BUS 675 Indigenous Economies
5.3.4   Program Change: IBL EMBA

A. Gemino clarified that BUS 699 should not be included in the calendar entry for the IBL EMBA as it is being replaced by BUS 600 for this stream. The academic unit is currently working on a full program proposal for the IBL EMBA that will be submitted for one of the upcoming SGSC meetings.

Minor language revisions were recommended to correct grammatical errors in the BUS 618 outline.

Moved by A.Gemino, seconded by L. Le Mare   **Approved**

5.3.5   Course change (title, description): BUS 730

Moved by A.Gemino; seconded by L. Le Mare   **Approved**

5.4 Faculty of Science
Department of Mathematics
5.4.1   Program Change: Applied and Computational Mathematics MSc and PhD

It was explained that the proposed changes will make previously implicit policies more explicit for students to reduce confusion.

5.4.2   New course: APMA 940 Mathematics of Data Science

P.Saeedi raised concerns about overlap with a course that is currently being developed within FAS. It was noted that while the titles will be similar, perspective would be different. It was agreed that the committee would address overlap concerns once the new course for FAS is presented to SGSC.

Moved by M. Silverman; seconded by A. Gemino   **Approved**

6. For Discussion

MSP premiums were recently changed. Provincial requirements are for international students to pay $75/month. Premiums for domestic students are waived. The committee discussed the equitability for all graduate students. SGSC was informed about the change of status for grad students in RA positions to be SFU employees.

7. For Information

8. The date of the next SGSC meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2020 *(SGSC submission deadline is January 8, 2020 at noon).*