

Meeting minutes of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) held on March 3, 2020 in the Thesis Defence Room, SFU Library

**Present:**

Jeff Derksen (Chair)  
George Agnes (Associate Dean)  
Daria Babeshko (designate for Associate Director)  
Michelle Grahame (Secretary)  
Nicole White (Library)

**Faculty Chair:**

Sean Zwagerman (FASS)  
Andrew Gemino (BUS)  
Philippe Pasquier (FCAT)  
Dan Laitsch (designate for EDUC)  
Dongya Yang (FENV)  
Frank Lee (designate for FHS)  
Michael Silverman (SCI)

**Guests**

Juan Pablo Alpern (PUB)  
Peter Dickinson (CA)

**Regrets:**

Parvaneh Saeedi (FAS)  
Lucy Le Mare (EDUC)  
Zoë Druick (Associate Dean)  
Rahil Adeli (GSS representative)

1. Approval of agenda **Approved**
2. Review of the SGSC minutes of January 7, 2020 and February 4, 2020 **Approved**
3. Business arising from the minutes

The Chair informed the committee that the total enrollment numbers for diplomas and certificates in the SGSC Annual Report were adjusted to be in line with the IRP data before the report was submitted to Senate.

4. Chair's Report

The Chair reported on the recent increase in funding for Graduate Fellowships (GFs) and the work being done in partnership with GSS to consider the totality and affordability of graduate studies. Committee members expressed interest in seeing documentation on the changes to present to their departments.

The committee was informed of the discontinuation of the Cohort Special Arrangement program (CSAR) at SFU, as the Ministry requests all new programs go through the full program proposal approval process. Any programs operating under CSAR must submit full program proposals for approval as soon as possible.

SGSC was notified that the June meeting conflicts with convocation and will be rescheduled. It was also noted that the annual SGSC retreat will be held on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at Hart House and committee members will receive a poll to RSVP in the upcoming weeks.

The Chair reminded the committee of the importance of following the SGSC material submission deadlines.

5. For Approval

**5.1 Beedie School of Business**

- 5.1.1 Full Program Proposal: Master in Management (MiM)  
Calendar Entry: Master in Management  
New Course: BUS 580 Enabling Results Through Collaboration  
New Course: BUS 581 Making Decisions with Data  
New Course: BUS 582 Accounting Literacy in Organizations  
New Course: BUS 583 Creating Value in Organizations  
New Course: BUS 584 Managing Projects  
New Course: BUS 585 Financial Literacy in Organizations  
New Course: BUS 586 Marketing and Sales  
New Course: BUS 587 Applied Project  
New Course: BUS 588 Strategic Consulting and Advising  
New Course: BUS 589 Business Solutions Design  
New Course: BUS 590 Innovation and Change Management  
New Course: BUS 591 Strategic Applied Project  
New Course: BUS 592 Special Topics

S.Zwagerman joined the meeting.

A.Gemino informed the committee that Beedie is in communication with other academic units to develop interdisciplinary curriculum for MiM. Further details need to be worked out before adding new streams to the program. The strategy is to launch the program with a single stream and work towards partnerships that allow the establishment of additional streams. Interest in collaboration has been expressed amongst members of the SFU community.

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

- 5.1.2 Full Program Proposal: Graduate Diploma in Management  
Calendar Entry: Graduate Diploma in Management  
New Course: BUS 580 Enabling Results Through Collaboration  
New Course: BUS 581 Making Decisions with Data  
New Course: BUS 582 Accounting Literacy in Organizations  
New Course: BUS 583 Creating Value in Organizations  
New Course: BUS 584 Managing Projects  
New Course: BUS 585 Financial Literacy in Organizations  
New Course: BUS 586 Marketing and Sales  
New Course: BUS 587 Applied Project

The committee was informed that the diploma is being offered as an alternative completion option for MiM students, but will not be available for direct entry.

Moved by A.Gemino; seconded by S.Zwagerman

**Approved**

## **5.2 Multiple Academic Units**

5.2.1 Program change (suspension of admission and termination): Modelling of Complex Social Systems Graduate Certificate

Moved by D.Babeshko; seconded by A.Gemino

**Approved**

## **5.3 Faculty of Applied Science**

### School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering

5.3.1 Program change: Mechatronic Systems Engineering MAsc and PhD

New course: MSE 804 Graduate Seminar

Moved by D.Babeshko; seconded by M.Silverman

**Approved**

## **5.4 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

### Department of Economics

5.4.1 Program change: Economics PhD

New course: ECON 984 Comprehensive Examination in Econometrics

Moved by S.Zwagerman; seconded by A.Gemino

**Approved**

### School for International Studies

5.4.2 Program change (suspension of admission): Latin American Studies Graduate Certificate

Moved by S.Zwagerman; seconded by N.White

**Approved**

5.4.3 New course: IS 879 Career Development Seminar

Moved by S.Zwagerman; seconded D.Laitsch

**Approved**

### Department of Psychology

5.4.4 Program change: Psychology MA and PhD

A committee member asked if there was any downside to leaving the course in the calendar entry as an option as opposed to replacing it. The consensus amongst the committee was that if the course is not being offered for an extended period of time it would be best to remove it from the requirements.

Moved by S.Zwagerman; seconded by F.Lee

**Approved**

### School of Public Policy

5.4.5 Program change: Master of Public Policy (MPP)

New course: PLCY 835 Extended Policy Analysis

It was clarified that there will be no direct admission into the course work option. The committee requested that a sentence be added indicating that direct admission is only permitted into the project option.

A committee member asked for language to be added to confirm that the project does not need to be deposited into the library.

P. Dickinson and J.Alpern join the meeting.

Moved by S.Zwagerman; seconded by D.Yang

**Approved subject to revisions**

## **5.5 Faculty Communication, Art and Technology**

### School for the Contemporary Arts

#### 5.5.1 Program change: Contemporary Arts MA

Course changes (units): CA 821, CA 822, CA 823, CA 824, CA 825, CA 826,

Course change (units, description): CA 827

Course changes (units, title, description): CA 829

The committee was informed that the proposed changes will resolve credit discrepancies between programs and help prepare for the full program proposal for a doctoral program that will be presented at a future meeting.

It was requested that language be added to the calendar entry to clarify that extended essay does not need to be deposited to the Library.

Moved by P.Pasquier; seconded by F.Lee

**Approved subject to revisions**

### Publishing Program

#### 5.5.2 Program change (Degree Audit, program changes): Master of Publishing (MPub)

New course: PUB 631 Graphic Design: The Page and the Screen

New course: PUB 638 Design Awareness in Publishing Processes and Products

New course: PUB 648 Publishing and Social Change

New course: PUB 655 Online Marketing for Publishers

New course: PUB 656 Event Planning

It was requested that the program length be updated to five terms as the majority of students will require a fifth term to complete the program. A committee member also raised concerns regarding the timing of completing the program and the availability of courses. J.Alpern informed the committee students entering the course work option will do so in consultation with their supervisor or the program chair who will ensure suitability and completion in a timely manner.

A committee member noted that the title for PUB 656 is not consistent with the cross-listed undergraduate course and requested it be updated to match the undergraduate course title.

SGSC requested that language be added to the calendar entry to clarify there is no direct admission into the course work option. Students can enroll in the course work option in consultation with the graduate program chair.

Moved by P.Pasquier; seconded by A.Gemino

**Approved subject to revisions**

## **5.6 Faculty of Education**

- 5.6.1 Program change: Curriculum and Instruction MEd  
Program change: Educational Leadership MA  
Program change: Educational Leadership MEd  
New course: EDUC 719 Leadership Research  
New course: EDUC 889 Educational Leadership Research Project  
Course changes (units): EDUC 813, EDUC 817, EDUC 818  
Course change (equivalency): EDUC 881

The committee was informed of the intention for students in the project option to be enrolled in EDUC 889 every term starting in the first term of the program. A member of the committee raised concerns that if a student were to transfer to a different subplan that did not require this course, their transcript would show a permanent grade of IP for a 10 unit capstone course with no completion. It was agreed that to avoid this outcome students would move into the Project Option and enroll in EDUC 889 only after completing EDUC 719 and upon consultation with the supervisor.

Moved by D.Laitsch; seconded by D.Yang

**Approved subject to revisions**

## **5.7 Faculty of Environment**

### Ecological Restoration

- 5.7.1 Program change: Ecological Restoration MSc

Moved by D.Yang; seconded by M.Silverman

**Approved**

## **5.8 Faculty of Health Sciences**

- 5.8.1 Course change (grading basis): HSCI 880  
Course change (component, grading basis): HSCI 990

Moved by F.Lee; seconded by P.Pasquier

**Approved**

## **5.9 Faculty of Science**

### Department of Physics

- 5.9.1 Course change (title, description, prerequisite): PHYS 847

Moved by M.Silverman; seconded by A.Gemino

**Approved**

6. For Discussion

7. For Information

8. The date of the next SGSC meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2020 (*SGSC submission deadline is March 11, 2020 at noon*).