

Present:

George Agnes (Acting Chair, Associate Dean, GPS)
Jeff Derksen (Dean GPS and Associate Provost)
Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald (Associate Director, GPS)
Nicole White (Designate for Dean of Library)
Reese Muntean (GSS Executive Representative)
John C. Foerster (Graduate Student)
Daria Babeshko (Curriculum, GPS)
Ruth Anyankpele (Recording Secretary)

Guests:

Jill Sutherland (UCIL)
Jiannan Wang (School of Computing Science)
Uwe Glässer (School of Computing Science)
Ali Mahdavi-Amiri (School of Computing Science)
Zafar Adeel (School of Sustainable Energy Engineering)
Colin Copeland (School of Sustainable Energy Engineering)
Hannah Buteau (Curriculum, GPS)

Faculty Chair:

Michael Silverman (FAS)
Parvaneh Saeedi (FAS)
Sean Zwagerman (FASS)
Philippe Pasquier (FCAT)
Dongya Yang (FENV)
Andrew Gemino (BUS)

Regrets:

Roxanne Panchasi (Associate Dean, GPS)
Lucy LeMare (EDUC)
Frank Lee (FHS)

1. Approval of agenda

2. Review of the SGSC minutes of September 7, 2021

Approved

N. White requested that the minutes be edited to accurately reflect their role on SGSC as the designate for the Dean of Library.

3. Business arising from the minutes

4. Chair's Report

The Chair requested a brief introduction of SGSC members to welcome John C. Foerster to the committee, as well as guests from the UCIL office and School of Computing Science.

5. For Approval

5.1 Faculty of Applied Sciences

5.1.1 School of Computing Science

5.1.1.1 Full Program Proposal: Professional Cybersecurity MSc

U. Glässer and J. Wang attended this portion of the meeting to provide an overview of the proposed program and to answer questions raised by the committee.

A committee member requested editorial changes to the enrollment plan section. It was requested that the language around inclusivity and female representation be more in line with SFU's EDI objectives and mandate.

J. Sutherland cautioned against editorial mistakes as the ministry has a history of reviewing FPP's with a high level of detail. They recommended updating the the letters of support to reflect the correct program title, and obtaining letters of support from Queen's University and the Government of Canada to strengthen the proposal.

Another committee member raised questions around the letters of support, particularly if Mastercard had been approached. U. Glässer informed the committee of ongoing discussions with Mastercard regarding co-op placements and will work on providing a letter of support.

J. Derksen joined the meeting

One SGSC member raised concerns around the program acronym and requested that it be altered.

A committee member expressed concerns around discrepancies between the FPP and the calendar entry with regards to co-op and situations where students are unable to secure co-op placements. U. Glässer informed the committee that students will be required to take an academic break. The FPP and calendar entry will be updated to reflect this information.

Moved by P. Saeedi; seconded by A. Gemino

Approved subject to revisions

5.1.1.2 Full Program Proposal: Professional Visual Computing MSc

A. Mahdavi provided an overview of the proposed program and answered questions raised by the committee.

A committee member raised concerns around marketing strategy and recommended that the program be listed separately on a student facing webpage to help differentiate it from comparable programs.

J. Sutherland cautioned against editorial mistakes as the ministry has a history of reviewing FPP's with a high level of detail. They also recommended that the letters of support be updated to reflect the correct program title.

A committee member requested strengthening the proposal to clarify the necessity of the program on a graduate level.

Moved by P. Saeed; seconded by D. Yang

Approved subject to revisions

J. Wang, U. Glässer and A. Mahdavi left the meeting

5.1.1.3 New Course: CMPT 772 – Software Product Engineering and Management

A question was raised regarding the exam break down. P. Saeedi explained that students will take a midterm and final exam, however, the course form listed no final exam required. A committee member highlighted that incorrect format was used to list course material and inquired if additional course material will be required. The committee requested that both forms be updated.

Moved by P. Saeedi; seconded by P. Pasquier

Approved subject to revisions

5.1.2 School of Sustainable Energy Engineering

5.1.2.1 Notice of Intent: Sustainable Energy Engineering Meng

C. Copeland and Z. Adeel provided an overview of the Notice of Intent and answered questions from the committee.

SGSC requested revisions to the language around the suitability of a master's level program for future employment in the field. It was also requested that the word "semester" be replaced with "term" throughout the document.

J. Sutherland emphasized the importance of differentiating between the M.Eng and SEE MASc when moving from the NOI into FPP stage.

P. Pasquier left the meeting

Moved by P. Saeedi; seconded by D. Yang

Approved subject to revisions

C. Copeland and Z. Adeel left the meeting

5.1.2.2 Course Changes (description, grade changes): SEE 896, SEE 897

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

Approved

6. For Discussion

R. Muntean informed the committee of concerns, specifically from international students in the School of Sustainable Energy Engineering around their ineligibility for the BC Provincial Nominee Program. The committee was made aware that this was possibly due to the NOC codes listed that currently exclude SEE. GPS recommended international students contact the International Services for Students office to discuss any immigration issues but also promised to look further into the issue.

7. For Information

8. The date of the next SGSC meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2021.