

Meeting minutes of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) held on April 6, 2021 remotely on Zoom.

Present:

Jeff Derksen (Chair)
George Agnes (Associate Dean)
Roxanne Panchasi (Associate Dean)
Keshav Mukunda (designate for Library)
Reese Muntean (GSS representative)
Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald (Associate Director)
Michelle Grahame (Curriculum)
Janelle Kropp (Secretary)

Faculty Chair:

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

Graduate Students:

Daniel Lam

Regrets:

Abdul Zahir (Graduate Student)

Guests:

Marianne Ignace (LING)

1. Approval of agenda
2. Review of the SGSC minutes of March 2, 2021
3. Business arising from the minutes

Approved

References to the Master in Management program were removed from the new course proposal for BUS 579. This will allow flexibility for the course to be offered to students in other programs.

4. Chair's Report

The Chair announced the British Columbia Graduate Scholarships will be offered again from the provincial government and more details will be provided to GPCs in the upcoming weeks.

5. For Approval

5.1 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Department of Linguistics

- 5.1.1 Full Program Proposal: Master of Arts in Indigenous Languages and Linguistics
Calendar Entry: Master of Arts in Indigenous Languages and Linguistics

M. Ignace attended this portion of the meeting to introduce the proposal and answer questions.

The committee discussed the different pathways of entry, and the flexibility of the program to collaborate with Indigenous leaders and communities. A committee member asked about resources for students completing the project option using multimedia. These projects would be more dependent of grants and supervisory funding.

The committee also raised concerns around the structure for administrative oversight. A GPC should have final approval for matters related to admissions, funding, and administration. Under the proposed structure, authority is placed entirely on a separate committee. It was clarified because the program is situated within the Department of Linguistics, further consideration is needed regarding the relationship of the program committee and the Linguistics GPC.

It was also requested the proposed credential be updated to “Master of Arts” unless the intention was to create a new credential type.

M. Ignace left the meeting.

Moved by S. Zwagerman; seconded by P. Pasquier **Approved subject to revisions**

5.1.2 Program Change: Linguistics of a First Nations Language Graduate Certificate
Course Changes (title, description): LING 830, LING 831, LING 832, LING 833, LING 834, LING 893

Moved by S. Zwagerman; seconded by P. Pasquier **Approved**

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

5.1.3 Course Change (description, prerequisite): SA 857
Course Change (temporary withdrawal): SA 857
Course Changes (deletion): SA 841, SA 849

Moved by S. Zwagerman; seconded by L. LeMare **Approved**

5.2 Faculty of Communication, Art, and Technology

Publishing Program

5.2.1 Program Change: Master of Publishing
New Course: PUB 611 Making Knowledge Public

A committee member suggested revisions to the course description and outline to make the course more welcoming to students from a variety of disciplines and more clearly communicate the intended learning objectives.

Moved by P. Pasquier; seconded by F. Lee **Approved**

6. For Discussion

7. For Information

Approved under delegated authority

7.1 Faculty of Education

7.1.1 Course Reinstatement: EDUC 828

8. Other Business

K. Gerlich-Fitzgerald updated SGSC that graduate students will have the opportunity to be speakers at the June virtual convocation. Faculties will be asked to nominate potential speakers to provide a two minute pre-recorded message.

SGSC discussed the leave options for graduate students. It was clarified the conditions for an academic break cannot be modified; this category of leave follows guidelines required by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. The committee discussed student concerns regarding the impact of terms on leave displayed on transcripts. Transcripts do not specify the type of leave, but if requested this information can be acquired.

A committee member asked about graduate students leaving the country without notifying their program or supervisor. It was noted the main concern would be if these students are receiving grant funding with a residency requirement. Otherwise, students are not required to notify their programs. Academic units should continue to follow the policy outlined under GGR 1.8 if there are concerns about progress. SGSC was reminded students should complete the Graduate Progress Report at least once a year, but a committee could request this report be completed more often.

9. The date of the next SGSC meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2021 (*SGSC submission deadline is April 7th at noon*).