

Minutes of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) Meeting held on November 1, 2022

Present:

George Agnes (Associate Dean, GPS, Students, Acting Chair)
Roxanne Pachasi (Associate Dean, GPS, Students)
Nicole White (Designate for Dean of Library)
Reese Muntean (GSS Executive Representative)
Hannah Buteau (Curriculum, GPS)
Vivian Chu (Recording Secretary)
Stania Juriga (Guest)
Shannon He (Guest)

Faculty Chair:

Lucy Lemare (EDUC)
Kate Slaney (FASS)
Arne Eigenfeldt (FCAT)
Lawrence McCandless (FHS)
Andrew Gemino (BUS)
Vance Williams (SCI)

Regrets:

Jeff Derksen (Dean GPS and Associate Provost)
Valorie Crooks (FENV)

1. Approval of agenda

Approved

2. Review of the SGSC minutes of October 4, 2022

Approved

3. Business arising from the minutes
4. Chair's Report

The Chair asked the committee if there were any concerns about the way defences were being conducted, specifically with the hybrid model of online and in-person attendance. One committee member raised concerns about the undergraduate exam schedule and how the TAs are required to wait until the exam schedule is released before being able to schedule their defences.

5. For Approval

5.1 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Department of English

Program Change: English MATE

Approved by K. Slaney; seconded by L. Lemare

Approved

5.2 Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

Digital Media Program

Course Change: DMED 501 The Visual Story

Approved by A. Eigenfeldt; seconded by V. Williams

Approved

6. For Discussion
Schedules & Temporary Course Changes

The committee discussed the importance of establishing oversight over temporary courses changes and whether SGSC or the academic units should have final approval over these changes. One committee member raised concerns about the length of time it would take for temporary course changes to go through the SGSC timeline. Another committee member discussed the need to limit the types of temporary changes that can be made without SGSC approval. The Chair suggested informing scheduling that approval for course changes will require a second signature from within the academic unit. It was agreed that a sample form will be drafted and presented for further SGSC discussion at a later date.

7. For Information
Accelerated Masters

8. The date of the next SGSC meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2022