

Meeting minutes of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)
held on December 7, 2015 in the Thesis Defence Room, SFU Library

Present:

Ex-Officio:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair
Mary-Ellen Kelm (Associate Dean)
Mary Ann Pope (Director, Records)
Nicole White (Library)
Abhishek Nanjundappa (GSS)
Shelley Gair (Program Policy, Curriculum)
Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald (Secretary)

Faculty Chairs:

Faisal Beg (FAS)
Lisa Shapiro (FASS)
Ian McCarthy (BUS) via video conference
Zoë Druick (FCAT)
Phil Winne (EDUC)
Sean Markey (FENV)
Stephen Smith (FHS)

Graduate Students:

Essya Mabrouka Nabbali (Regular)

Regrets:

Peter Liljedahl (Associate Dean)
Carl Lowenberger (SCI)
Matthew Alteen (Graduate Student)

1. Approval of agenda

An item on the Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Policy and an item on Concurrent Bachelor/Master's programs were added to the agenda under other business.

Approved

2. Review of the SGSC minutes of November 9, 2015

Approved

3. Business arising from the minutes

SGSC was informed that a follow-up meeting took place with Muriel Klemetski, Director of Work Integrated Learning, regarding the graduate Co-op discussion that took place at the last SGSC meeting. Muriel will follow up directly with Engineering Science to assist with their concerns.

4. **Chair's Report**

The next SGSC meeting will be held January 11, 2016 instead of January 4, 2016.

The chair provided no report.

5. **For Approval**

5.1 **Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**

School for the Contemporary Arts

a) Course change (prerequisite): FPA 829

[GS2015.43]

Motion moved by Z. Druick, seconded by L. Shapiro

Approved

5.2 **Faculty of Education**

a) Program change: MA in Counselling Psychology, M.Ed. in Counselling Psychology

b) Course changes (units): EDUC 801, EDUC 802

[GS2015.44]

While it is uncommon for course units not to be whole numbers (i.e. 1.5), there is a precedent.

Motion moved by P. Winne, seconded by S. Markey

Approved

c) New course: EDUC 895 Conceptions of Numeracy

The course is part of an off-campus master's program and therefore has concentrated contact hours over four weekends. A question was raised on the justification of using a textbook written over 30 years ago. It was explained that the textbook remains relevant and compared its timelessness to Darrell Huff's "How to Lie with Statistics".

Motion moved by P. Winne, seconded by L. Shapiro

Approved

5.3 **Faculty of Science**

[GS2015.45]

Department of Earth Science

a) New course: EASC 626 Applied Geochronology

Motion moved by S. Markey, seconded by P. Winne

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CSAR program for an additional 2 years rather than submitting a proposal to the Ministry for permanent status. SGSC was supportive of this idea.

7. **For Information**

7.1 **Faculty of Environment**

School of Resource and Environmental Management

[GS2015.47]

a) Course Reinstatement: REM 655

Approved under delegated authority

7.2 **Faculty of Science**

[GS2015.48]

Department of Earth Science

a) Course Reinstatement: EASC 606

Approved under delegated authority

8. **Other business**

8.1 Sexual harassment policy and sexual