

Minutes of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) Meeting held on April 12, 2022 en ee fel.7 fi

Present:

Jeff Derksen (Chair, Dean GPS and Associate Provost)

George Agnes (Associate Dean, GPS, Students)

Roxanne Panchasi (Associate Dean, GPS, Academic)

Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald (Associate Director, GPS)

Nicole White (Designate for Dean of Library)

Reese Muntean (GSS Executive Representative)

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Faculty Chair:

Andrew Gemino (BUS)

Lucy LeMare (EDUC)

Sean Zwagerman (FASS)

Philippe Pasquier (FCAT)

Dongya Yang (FENV)

Frank Lee (FHS)

-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Academic)

Parvaneh Saeedi (FAS)

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Andrew Gemino joined the meeting

5. For Approval

5.1 Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

5.1.1. Department of Humanities
Program Change: Humanities MA

5.1.2. Department of Psychology
Program Change: Psychology MA

K. Gerlich-Fitzgerald reminded the committee to avoid submitting multiple program changes in the same term as it creates complications for the calendar and Senate office. The committee was encouraged to confirm the date of their last program change before submitting a new change to SGSC.

Moved by S. Zwagerman; seconded by A. Gemino

Approved

5.2 Faculty of Communication, Art & Technology

5.2.1 School of Communication
New Course: CMNS 849 Communication Research for Social Change
Program Change: Communication MA

A committee member requested that the frequency of offerings field in the new course proposal form be edited to once per year instead of annual.

Moved by P. Pasquier; seconded by F. Lee

Approved subject to revisions

5.3 Faculty of Environment

5.3.1 School of Environmental Science
New Course: EVSC 645 Environmental Data Analysis
New Course: EVSC 660 Ecogeomorphology
New Course: EVSC 691 Directed Readings in Environmental Science

A committee member asked if one course number can have multiple units assigned to it. K. Gerlich-Fitzgerald informed the committee that this is possible, and is referred to as a Variable Unit. The committee was advised that programs looking to reduce their course numbers can use variable units for added flexibility, this applies to courses such as directive reading but a regular course offering should not have variable units.

Moved by D. Yang; seconded by S. Zwagerman

Approved

6. For Discussion

6.1 Calendar Frequency Proposal

W. Parkhouse explained that the current system of multiple calendars per year causes misunderstanding for students, staff and advisors; as frequent changes to the calendar often affect the degree requirement on a per term basis. They proposed a three-year pilot to reduce degree requirement changes to an annual basis. All curricular changes may be submitted at

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any time; however, major program changes will only become effective in Fall. Curriculum committees (including SGSC) will be reviewing the meeting schedule for 2023 which will be published late summer.

6.2 Micro-Credentials: Definition and Process