

Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee
held on Monday, December 6, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212

Present:

Jonathan Driver, Chair
Diane Whiteley
Wade Parkhouse
Carolyne Smart
Charmaine Dean
John Dickinson
Allan MacKinnon
Julia MacKenzie
Valerie Ackroyd

Trude Heift
Gwen Bird
Mary Ann Gillies
Tom O'Shea
Peter Mustard
Ken Kasa
Ruth Anne Keenan
Camilla Sears
Vivian Blaker, Recording secretary

Guests:

Robert Woodbury
Tom Perry
John Potts, Capilano College

J. Munro
Mitra Kiamenesh, Capilano College

Absent:

Judy Zaichkowsky

Larry Dill

1. **Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.
(J. Dickinson/C. Dean)

Motion carried

2. **Approval of minutes**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting minutes of November 8, 2004, be approved as presented.
(W. Parkhouse/ C. Dean)

Motion carried

3. **Business arising from the minutes**

The Chair informed the committee that:

- a) He was working on a questionnaire concerning "piggy back" courses;
- b) The cohort special arrangements in Health Sciences has been forwarded to SCUP;
- c) Education curriculum changes were submitted to Senate for information.

4. **Faculty of Science: Curriculum changes (GS 2004.36)**

a) **Earth Sciences (GS 2004.36.1)**

Due to a new faculty, a new course proposal, EASC 627, and a course change, EASC 613, were proposed. It was moved and seconded that the proposed curriculum changes be approved.

(P. Mustard/C. Dean)

Motion carried

b) **Mathematics (GS 2004.36.2)**

The proposed curriculum changes included calendar entries and new course proposals, in conjunction with housekeeping changes, which reflected long-standing practices. It was moved and seconded that the proposed curriculum changes be approved.

(P. Mustard/C. Sears)

Motion carried

5. **Faculty of Education: Curriculum change (GS 2004.37)**

It was moved and seconded that course change to EDUC 820 be approved.

(T. O'Shea/A. MacKinnon)

Motion carried

6. **Full program proposal: Applied Sciences (GS 2004.38)**

MA/MSc/PhD in Interactive Arts & Technology

The chair gave a brief history of the program being operated as cohort special arrangements, subsequent to SFU's takeover of TechBC, and summarized that the cohort group would have the option of staying in the cohort program until completion, or transferring to the new program. There was a question regarding the comprehensive examination, which was addressed in the proposal. A member commented that R. Woodbury and the School had done an excellent job in modifying the program, with the support of the external reviewers.

It was moved and seconded that the full program proposal be approved, pending minor editorial changes, to make the course proposals and calendar entries consistent with the program proposal.

(W. Parkhouse/C. Sears)

Motion carried

Dr. R. Woodbury was invited and informed of the committee's decision at 2:35 p.m.

7. **Full program proposal: Arts & Social Sciences (GS 2004.39)**

Master's in Urban Studies

The proposal had a positive external review, and ACNGP was impressed with the program. It was moved and seconded that the program proposal be approved.

(M. Gillies/W. Parkhouse)

Motion carried

Dr. J. Munro was invited and informed of the committee's decision at 2:55 p.m.

8. **Full program proposal: Business Administration (GS 2004.40)**

Global Assets & Wealth Management

The committee noted that the program had been running as a cohort program for two years, and the faculty resource was not an issue. Library resources remain an unresolved issue – amount and base budget transfer.

D. Fraser was invited to answer questions at 3:00 p.m. The chair suggested that the Library and the Faculty work towards a permanent solution. The guest departed at 3:12 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that the program proposal be approved and forwarded to SCUP, pending resolution of funding issues at the Library.

(C. Smart/M. Gillies)

Motion carried

**9. Proposed cohort special arrangements: Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences (GS 2004.41)
International Leadership**

It was moved and seconded that the cohort program proposal be approved.

(M. Gillies/C. Sears)

Motion tabled

The committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed applied master's program, and partnership between Capilano College and SFU. Its uniqueness, market demand and paid internship were stressed. Business Administration expressed its concern of huge overlap, textbooks, course outlines, and potential jeopardy of accreditation of SFU's business school.

T. Perry and guests from Capilano College, John Potts (dean of international education) and Mitra Kiamenesh (director of the graduate diploma program), were invited to meet with the committee at 3:55 p.m.

The committee raised a number of questions, and the guests provided answers:

- a) History of the current diploma program and number of grads – successfully run program since 1987 with 600 grads and over 250 of whom remained in the field of work; the program had been funded by CIDA, government grant and premium fees, with its focus in Asia Pacific expanding to Latin America.
- b) Teaching and faculty resources were discussed – the Faculty was in the progress of sorting out appointments between Capilano and SFU personnel.
- c) Coursework was discussed – heavy business content, credit hours, intensity and highly interactive nature.

The guests departed at 4:00 p.m. The chair summarized the concerns which needed to be addressed:

- a) Faculty issue - who would be teaching graduate level courses;
- b) Overlap and accreditation issues;
- c) Business of dual credentials – diploma and master's;
- d) Coursework issue – required versus electives, serious concerns on description, credits and quality.

**10. Proposed cohort special arrangements: Business Administration (GS 2004.42)
Financial Risk Management**

E. Love was invited to meet with the committee at 4:07 p.m. The program proposal had been revised to address the following issues:

- a) The program title was changed to Financial Risk Management, to reflect the financial nature of risk management;
- b) Course proposals were changed and Economics was consulted;
- c) The label issue of MBA/MA/MSc was raised, and the faculty voted for MSc; other financial MSc programs in Canada were cited – Queen's, UBC and U of Toronto.

The guest departed at 4:20 p.m. It was moved and seconded that the program proposal be approved.

(C. Smart/T. O'Shea)

Motion withdrawn

The motion was withdrawn after discussion. The committee expressed its concerns:

- a) Objection to MSc designation;
- b) Course proposals had not been forwarded to other faculties/departments for consultation and approval;
- c) Appendix D – suggested list of faculty members – question of contact or agreement regarding teaching;
- d) Program content would have to be revised due to overlap issue.

A question was also raised whether the program should be cohort special arrangements rather than a regular program proposal.

11. New business

The next meeting will be held on January 17, 2005.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.