

**MINUTES**  
**Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies**  
**Graduate Curriculum Committee Meeting**  
**February 12, 2016; 9:00 – 11:00am**  
**Venue: Room 203, Graduate Student Centre, 6371 Crescent Road**

**Present:** John Church, Justin Holme (Minutes), Norm Hutchinson, Kyle McCleery, Vivien Measday, Max Read, Ron Reid, Clive Roberts (Chair), Kin Lo, Edmond Cretu, Natalie Marshall, Aaron Bailey

**Regrets:** Susie Stephenson, Tom Scholte, Lindsey Kovacevic

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

**Action: Approved**

**2. Minutes of January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Meeting**

**Action: Approved**

**3. Business Arising**

**4. Category 1 Proposals**

<b>Faculty of Arts</b> Submitted by Alan Dodson January 26th	
<p>General Comments            -The Committee was made aware by the Senate office representative that the process for Ministry approval has recently changed. The impact of these changes is still being assessed, but it is important to note that the Senate office is still working to confirm whether the new Ministry changes will affect the classification of this proposal as a category 1.</p> <p>MMUS Conducting name change  <b>Action: Approved subject to minor edits</b></p> <p>MMUS Conducting new emphases  <b>Action: Approved subject to minor edits</b></p> <p>MMUS Conducting transcript request  <b>Action: Approved subject to minor edits</b></p> <p>MMUS Conducting emphasis course requirements  <b>Action: Approved subject to minor edits</b></p> <p>- The Senate representative raised concerns that the course requirements for each emphasis are</p>	

<p>not distinct courses, but sections of a small number of courses. Given that the emphases are distinct the representative argued that the courses may be best served as permanent course offerings and not sections. This would mean the creation of 6 new courses, instead of 6 different sections in the various topics courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Committee heard these concerns, but believes the number of students taking each emphasis per year (approximately 2) does not warrant the need to create 6 new distinct course offerings.</li> <li>- While Conducting is already listed in the Program Overview section of the Calendar, the Committee recommends adding “Conducting” to the list of specializations outlined in the first sentence of this section.</li> <li>- The Committee requests an academic Rationale for Proposed Change. See proposal page 6.</li> </ul> <p>MUSC 544 (4-8)  <b>Action: Approved subject to minor edits</b>  -The Committee suggests removing I and II from the MUSC 544/545 course titles. As these courses do not have to be taken in order the Committee would like to avoid potential confusion for students. The Committee recommends using a descriptor in the title instead to differentiate the courses. As an example, MUSC 544 could be listed with an early date range (specify dates) and MUSC 545 with a late date range.  -The Committee asks that the course title changes be reflected in the syllabi as well.</p> <p>MUSC 545 (4-8)  <b>Action: Approved subject to minor edits</b>  - See above</p>	
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5. Category 2 Proposals (Online Review)

MDS Calendar Language

**Action: Approved as a category 1 proposal.**

-The Committee approved this proposal. However, the Committee would like to consult with the Senate Curriculum Committee before this entry is approved for the Academic Calendar

-The Committee suggested that if this Calendar contains a section headed "Professional Degrees," this should be inclusive.

-The Committee does note that Commerce has this type of language (professional degree language) already included in the Calendar.

-As well, the Committee asks that one minor edit be made. It requests that "Master of Science in Data Science" be changed to just "Data Science" in order to keep the language consistent and up to date with the newer "Data Science" naming convention. Please see .pdf page 3 (left column) for the location of the requested change.

**6. Adjournment of Meeting**

**7. Next meeting: 9:00 AM, February 29th, 2016, Room 203 of the Graduate Student Centre**

\*Curriculum proposal in a program not administered by the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.