

MINUTES
Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
Graduate Curriculum Committee Meeting
October 18, 2019

Present: Kin Lo, Heidi May, Karin Mickelson, Anne Phelan, Max Read, Andrew Riseman, Joshua Robertson, Warren Williams, Jenn Fletcher (minutes)

Regrets: Edmond Cretu, Norm Hutchinson, Lily Takeuchi

1. **Adoption of Agenda:** Adopted
2. **Minutes of September 13, 2019 Meeting:** Approved
3. **New Proposals – Category 1**

Faculty of Education Submitted by Jennie Ramstad
<p>EPSE 557 (3) – Create new course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning objectives:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Learning objective 1 seems disconnected from the others and is covered by the first paragraph in that section. This learning objective should be removed.○ Normally expect to see verbs describing higher order learning in a graduate-level course; a set of learning objectives at the level of “learn” and “apply” is typically not appropriate for a graduate course. This issue was also noted in the consultation submitted by the Faculty of Arts, but it does not appear any action was taken by the proponents to address this. Is the language used being driven by professional accreditation requirements? The learning objectives should be rewritten to reflect the deeper learning expected of students at the graduate level.○ The context for some of the learning objectives is unclear. Are students expected to apply their learning in assignments, in one-on-one interactions with children, or in their future practicum? The learning objectives should be revised to focus exclusively on this course, separate from the practicum.• Additional information about the criteria used for grading the assignments is required. It would also be helpful to see these mapped onto the learning objectives for the course.• Could benefit from a general proofreading to correct grammatical errors.• See additional notes in annotated proposal. <p>Action: Held</p>

Faculty of Medicine Submitted by Lena Kang
<p>Physiology – Delete program</p> <p>Action: Approved</p>

4. **New Proposals – Category 2**

Faculty of Medicine Submitted by Lena Kang
SURG 512 (3) – Delete prerequisite Action: Approved
SURG 560 (6) – Change prerequisite Action: Approved

Faculty of Arts Submitted by Tim Flanagan / Catherine Rawn
Creative Writing – Change program start date Action: Approved

5. January and February meeting dates

The Senate Curriculum Committee (SCC) meetings previously scheduled for the first week of February 2020 have been moved to the last week of January. The January 10th GCC meeting is the only one scheduled in late 2019/early 2020 that would enable approved category 1 proposals to meet the deadline for review at that SCC meeting, which will be the last opportunity for inclusion in the February Academic Calendar release. Proposal volumes are typically high at that time of year. The Committee members agreed to hold Friday, January 17th in their schedules for a supplemental GCC meeting, should it be required.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 1, 2019