

MINUTES
Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
Graduate Curriculum Committee Meeting
November 15, 2019

Present: Gina DeVeaux, Karin Mickelson, Catherine Rawn, Max Read, Warren Williams, Jenn Fletcher (minutes)

Regrets: Edmond Cretu, Norm Hutchinson, Kin Lo, Sarah Park, Anne Phelan, Andrew Riseman

1. Adoption of Agenda: Adopted

2. Minutes of November 1, 2019 Meeting: Approved

3. Business Arising

- Warren reached out to SCC Chair, Peter Marshall, to raise the committee's question about their responsibility for enforcing Senate's policies related to syllabi. It is his view that the GCC should focus on the academic content of the syllabi for new courses. Where other materials stipulated in the Senate syllabi guidelines are missing, a friendly reminder of those guidelines should be sent to proponents.

4. Resubmitted Proposals

Faculty of Education Submitted by Laurie Ford
EPSE 557 (3) – Create new course Action: Approved

Faculty of Medicine Submitted by Cecilia Gruber / Brian Westerberg
SURG 517 (3) – Create new course <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friendly query: Syllabus includes an interpretation of UBC's grading scale that is taken from the Department of Educational Studies, which is not one shared by many other faculties. Why have the proponents adopted this particular grading interpretation? Action: Approved
Global Surgical Care* – Update MGSC program requirements Action: Approved
SURG 560 (6)* – Add prerequisite Action: Approved
SURG 542 (3)* – Add prerequisite Action: Approved

5. New Proposals – Category 1

Faculty of Science Submitted by Nancy Cook
<p>RES 504 (3) – Create new course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultations with the Department of Psychology in the Faculty of Arts and the Measurement, Evaluation, and Research Methodology group in the Faculty of Education. Both offer courses in this area and are likely to be interested in the proposal.• Friendly query: The syllabus notes that when students will provide peer feedback on the Survey Presentations. How, if at all, will peer feedback be incorporated into the final grade?• Consultations and any resulting changes will be reviewed by the Chair. <p>Action: Held</p>

6. New Proposals – Category 2

Faculty of Science Submitted by Nancy Cook
<p>CHEM 540 (1) – Modify requirement Action: Approved</p> <p>Friendly query for all of the following CPSC courses: Does the graduate program realize that a student could complete their coursework requirement take all special topics courses?</p> <p>CPSC 530 (2-6) c – Change credit value Action: Approved</p> <p>CPSC 531 (3-6) c – Change credit value Action: Approved</p> <p>CPSC 532 (2-6) c – Change credit value Action: Approved</p> <p>CPSC 533 (2-6) c – Change credit value Action: Approved</p> <p>CPSC 534 (2-6) c – Change credit value Action: Approved</p> <p>CPSC 535 (2-6) c – Change credit value Action: Approved</p> <p>CPSC 536 (2-6) c – Change credit value Action: Approved</p> <p>CPSC 537 (2-6) c – Change credit value Action: Approved</p>

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CPSC 554 (2-6) c – Change credit value

Action: Approved

Oceans and Fisheries – Change MSc program requirements

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- Friendly recommendation: The term candidate has a specific meaning for doctoral students (see [Use of Degree Status Designations](#)). This would be a good opportunity to change all “candidate” references in the Program Requirements section to “students”.

Action: Approved

Faculty of Applied Science

Submitted by Helen May

Health Leadership and Policy in Clinical Education – Change MHLP-CE program requirements

- Committee appreciated that rationale was grounded in the learning outcomes for the course, but some members felt a more detailed rationale would have been helpful.

Action: Approved

Next Meeting: Friday, January 10, 2020