

MINUTES
Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
Graduate Curriculum Committee Meeting
September 18, 2020

Present: Edmond Cretu, Norm Hutchinson, Jessica Iverson, Kin Lo, Karin Mickelson, Anne Phelan, Catherine Rawn, Max Read, Andrew Riseman, Jenn Fletcher (minutes)

1. Introductions

- Committee discussed Norm's roles as both chair of the Science Curriculum Committee and of the Graduate Curriculum Committee. It was agreed that Norm would pass the GCC chair role off to another committee member if any Faculty of Science proposals were presented where there might be a perceived conflict of interest.

2. Adoption of Agenda: Adopted

3. Minutes of June 19, 2020 Meeting: Approved

4. Business Arising

- The Graduate Certificate in Forestry Management and Conservation and proposed changes to KIN 572 have been approved and submitted to the Senate Office.

5. New Proposals – Category 1

Faculty of Land and Food Systems Submitted by Virginia Frankian
<p>FRE 520 (2) – Create new course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommended revisions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ “MFRE” acronym in course title should be expanded.○ If this is to be a required course for the MFRE program then it should be added to the program requirements in the Calendar.○ Presumably some of the learning objectives are taught across the program and are not exclusively obtained through this course. May want to highlight these.○ It is unusual to award points for attendance in graduate-level courses.○ Syllabus states students should avoid entering the class once it has begun. Perhaps the instructor could explore other ways to handle students arriving late.○ Provide more information about what is meant by “value-added question.” <p>Action: Approved</p> <p>FOOD 516 (3) – Create new course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning objectives are rather low for a graduate-level course and should be revised to reflect the critical engagement or critique that is likely intended.• Links between the learning objectives and assessments requested.• Expand rationale to address what makes this a graduate-level course.• Acronyms should be written out in full on first appearance.• Caution that the inclusion of undergraduate prerequisites may mean manual review by program staff for all students who did not complete their previous degree at UBC.• Norm will review the revisions on behalf of the committee. <p>Action: Held</p>

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6. New Proposals – Category 2

Faculty of Education Submitted by Tatiane Lima
<p>MA and MEd in Media and Technology Studies Education – Change program overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Proposed new wording seems less clear and focused than the existing text. Proponents may want to review the proposed text to ensure appropriately communicates to prospective students what they can expect from the program and how it is different from other programs at UBC.Anne will connect with her department to discuss this. <p>Action: Approved</p>

Faculty of Medicine Submitted by Tara Chapman
<p>SURG 517 (3) – Delete prerequisite Action: Approved</p> <p>SURG 542 (3) – Delete prerequisite, add co-requisite Action: Approved</p> <p>SURG 560 (6) – Delete prerequisite, add co-requisite Action: Approved</p>

Faculty of Education Submitted by Helen Luk
<p>KIN 598 (3) – Change to variable grading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rationale suggested to some committee members that the assessments for KIN students taking the course are quite different than for HPCTL students.Jessica will further investigate the logistics of having a single course with multiple grading options.Creating separate courses for the two groups of students may be the preferred path forward. <p>Action: Held</p>

7. Other Business

- Meeting scheduled for April 2, 2021 falls on a statutory holiday. Committee agreed to move this meeting to April 9, 2021.

Next Meeting: Friday, October 16, 2020