

MINUTES

Meeting of the GC Policy Committee Wednesday, 6th February 2019, 12:30–13:50

Room 200, Graduate Student Centre, 6371 Crescent Road

Present: Teresa Dobson, Matthew Evenden, Zhaoming Xu, John Ries, Mark MacLachlan, Thomas Chang, Wendy Robinson, Karin Mickelson, Yousry El-Kassaby, Darren Touch, Megha Khalia, Larry Walker (Chair)

Regrets: Bhushan Gopaluni, Susan Porter, Clive Roberts

Staff: Max Read, Virginia Hourihane (minutes)

1. Introductions and regrets

2. Adoption of the agenda

All	}	<i>That the agenda be approved.</i>
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Carried

3. Minutes of the meeting held 17th October 2018*

All	}	<i>That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2018 be approved.</i>
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Carried

BUSINESS

7. Approval of Candidates for degrees

There are 387 candidates for degrees.

All	}	<i>That the candidates for degrees (February conferral) be approved and forwarded to the Senate for approval, and that the Dean, in consultation with the Registrar, be empowered to make any necessary adjustments.</i>
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Carried

8. Approval of revised program-of-study policy for doctoral studies

This policy clarifies that that doctoral students have to pass comprehensive exams and that supervisory committees post-candidacy must have G+PS approval. The policy will go to Graduate Council and then the Senate for approval.

All	}	<i>That the revision to this policy be accepted.</i>
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Carried

9. Approval of revised policy regarding part-time international students

It is probable that international students cannot engage in part-time study in keeping with the regulations of their study permit. The policy has been amended to include a directive to international students contact International Student Advising before contemplating part-time study. The policy will go to Graduate Council and then the Senate for approval.

<i>All</i>	}	<i>That the revision to this policy be accepted.</i>
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Carried

DISCUSSION

10. Doctoral exams policies

There was a discussion of “doctoral exams policies” that more specifically referred to the request that we consider UBC-O faculty who are affiliated with the IGS themes to be eligible to serve as University Examiners for UBC-V doctoral students. It was decided that no change in our policies was warranted as the themes were new and that most faculty were drawn from programs that did not offer the doctoral degree. The issue might be reconsidered once a significant number of PhD students had graduated from these IGS themes, if the themes remain stable.

OTHER BUSINESS

Megha Khalia from the GSS asked if there is a consensus for minimum credits for a PhD.

Larry answered there are no minimum university requirement for coursework at the PhD level, it is a department requirement.

At the master’s level, 30-121 credits are required for a degree, depending on the program and 0-36 for a doctoral degree.

Each graduate program sets the minimum coursework requirement and the structure of their program.

If it’s in the University Calendar, then it has been approved by Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.

Lunch provided

*Minutes of previous meetings are available here:

<http://www.grad.ubc.ca/faculty-staff/graduate-council/academic-policy-committee-previous-meetings>