

MINUTES
Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
Graduate Curriculum Committee Meeting
April 5, 2024

Present: Edmond Cretu, Hedy Law, Bradley Menard, Anne Phelan, Max Read, Andrew Riseman (chair), Jenn Fletcher (minutes)

Regrets: Jolanta Aleksejuniene, Murray Carlson, Patrick Culbert, Norm Hutchinson, Robert Sindelar

1. Adoption of Agenda: Adopted

2. Minutes of March 22, 2024 Meeting: Approved

3. Business Arising

- SCC had questions about the PHAR 520 proposal. The proponents deleted the prerequisite line and revised the description to address these. The proposal is now expected to move forward to Senate.
- SCC had concerns about the PPGA 592 proposal and asked that the maximum allowable credits be reduced from 9 to 6 and the rationale revised to provide a streamlined explanation regarding use of the course. Hedy has worked with the proponents to make the required revisions and the revised proposal will go back to SCC for review.

4. New Proposals – New Programs

Faculty of Forestry Submitted by Patrick Culbert
<p>Master of Forestry Green Business Dual Degree – Create new dual degree option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirm credit value of FRST 548 for students in this program – says 3-6 credits in proposed Calendar entry, 6 credits in background document.• In background document, total number of UBC credits to be taken should be clarified.• Consider revising statement about “affordable alternative for bright low-income students”. <p>Action: Approved</p>

5. New Proposals – Category 1

Faculty of Forestry Submitted by Patrick Culbert
<p>CONS 514 (3) – Create new course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calendar description should be pared down.• Learning objectives would be clearer and better structured with just one verb. Provide Bloom’s taxonomy sample to assist with verb selection.• Explicit links between the assessments and learning objectives must be added.• Andrew will review revised proposal on behalf of committee. <p>Action: Held</p>

FRST 514 (3) – Create new course

- Recommend replacing proposed Calendar description with description provided in the rationale.
- Learning objectives are written at a low level for a graduate course.
- Additional clarity around assessment criteria is requested. Will these be equally weighted? Are there opportunities to include less subjective criteria?
- Explicit links between the assessments and learning objectives must be added.
- Were any consultations submitted after submission for GCC review? What consultations were undertaken with experts in Indigenous governance?

Action: Held

FRST 515 (3) – Create new course

- Committee appreciated the care and detail the proponents put into this proposal.
- Calendar description should be pared down.
- Friendly recommendation: try using just one verb for each learning objective.

Action: Approved

FRST 517 (3) – Create new course

- Calendar description should be pared down.
- Learning objectives are low for a graduate course.
- Details of assignments and criteria for grading are missing.
- Explicit links between the assessments and learning objectives must be added.
- Seems to be some conflation of class activities and assessments.

Action: Held

FRST 518 (3) – Create new course

- Learning objectives are low for a graduate course.
- Details of assignments and criteria for grading are missing.
- Explicit links between the assessments and learning objectives must be added.
- Many of the links in the Course Policies section are broken.
- Specific meeting and due dates should be removed.
- Friendly enquiry: Is specific background knowledge needed? Would a registration restriction be appropriate or is the course open to all graduate students?

Action: Held

6. New Proposals – Category 2

**Faculty of Medicine
Submitted by Laura Gillis**

NRSC 500 (6) – Split into 2 3-credit courses (NRSC 550, NRSC 551)

Action: Approved

NRSC 501 (6) – Split into 2 3-credit courses (NRSC 552, NRSC 553)

Action: Approved

PLAS 514 (3) – Delete course

Action: Approved

PLAS 515 (2) – Delete course

Action: Approved

PLAS 750 (0) – Delete course

Action: Approved

PLAS 751 (0) – Delete course

Action: Approved

PLAS 752 (0) – Delete course

Action: Approved

PLAS – Delete course code

Action: Approved

Faculty of Arts
Submitted by Hedy Law / Heidi May

ECON 550 (3) – Change title

Action: Approved

ECON 551 (3) – Change title

Action: Approved

ECON 553 (3) – Change title

Action: Approved

GEOG 599 (15) – Add registration restriction

Action: Approved

GEOS 599 (15) – Create new co-located course

Action: Approved

Dual Master of Archival Studies / Master of Library and Information Studies – Update program requirements

Action: Approved

Master of Library and Information Studies – Update program requirements (Core requirement)

Action: Approved

Master of Library and Information Studies – Update program requirements (Management requirement)

Action: Approved

Master of Library and Information Studies – Update program requirements (non-LIBR courses)

Action: Approved

Faculty of Science
Submitted by Jaclyn Stewart / Nancy Cook

Science Co-operative Education – Relocate page, add information about graduate co-op

options
Action: Approved

Allard School of Law
Submitted by Alexandra Flynn

LAW 520 (1-3)* – Change to variable grading (percentage and honour/pass/fail)
** Proposal was approved by Andrew on behalf of the committee. Motion is to ratify this decision.*
Action: Approved

Faculty of Applied Science
Submitted by Gino Kim

NURS 577 (3-6) d – Change to pass/fail grading, add registration restriction and equivalency
Action: Approved

NURS 579 (3-6) – Create new equivalent course
Action: Approved

Sauder School of Business
Submitted by Elicia Salzberg

BAEN 509 (3) – Split into BAEN 507 (1.5) and BAEN 508 (1.5)
Action: Approved

Faculty of Forestry
Submitted by Patrick Culbert

FRST 562 (1) – Change credit value
Action: Approved

Master of International Forestry – Update program requirements

- Will be submitted to the Senate Office for inclusion in the Calendar once the FRST 526 credit value change has been approved by the GCC.

Action: Approved

Next Meeting: Friday, May 17, 2024