

**JOINT FACULTIES OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES GRADUATE CURRICULUM AND
POLICY COMMITTEE**

APRIL 13, 2011, 1:30 P.M.

MUSC-318

PRESENT: Dr. M. Hatton (Chair), Dr. P. Graefe, Dr. L. Magee, Dr. E. Service, Mrs. M. Espiritu
(Assistant Secretary)

BY INVITATION: Dr. C. Anderson, Dr. C. Baade, Dr. E. Badone, Dr. K. Bird, Dr. S. Collins, Dr. J.
Gillett, Dr. S. Heathorn, Dr. G. Knight, Dr. W. Lewchuk, Dr. A. Moro, Dr. G. Moyal, Dr. E.
Nshimiyimana, Dr. S. O'Brien, Dr. L. York

REGRETS: Dr. L. Finsten, Dr. G. Kehler, Dr. D. Wright

I. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the meetings of April 12, 2010 and October 13, 2010 were approved on a
motion by Dr. Graefe, seconded by Dr. Service.

II. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the previous meetings.

III. Graduate Curriculum Recommendations

Faculty of Humanities

Communication Studies and New Media

Dr. Baade briefly discussed the following graduate curriculum changes:

Change in the calendar description of the Major Research Project

New courses:

*710 – International Communication

*711 – Sound as Art and Research

Change in course title and description:

*704 – Media, Discourse and Reality

*705 – Digital Media and Cultural Exchange

Course cancellations:

- *6C03 – Issues in Performance Studies
- *6D03 – International Communication
- *6E03 – Media and Promotionalism
- *6F03 – Topics in Multimedia Production
- *6M03 – Communication, Culture and Technology
- *6N03 – News Analysis: Theory and Practice
- *6P03 – Social Activism and the Media
- *6Q03 – Advanced Topics in Communication I
- *6QQ3 – Advanced Topics in Communication II

Dr. Service moved, and Dr. Magee seconded,

“that the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee approve the proposed graduate curriculum recommendations from the Communication Studies and New Media program, as described in the documents.”

The motion was carried.

Cognitive Science of Language

The Cognitive Science of Language program is proposing the following graduate curriculum changes:

Change to its Ph.D. comprehensive examination

New courses:

- *6P03 – Advanced Pragmatics
- *727 – Visual Language Processing

Dr. Service moved, and Dr. Magee seconded,

“that the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee approve the proposed changes from the Cognitive Science of Language program, as described in the document.”

The motion was carried.

English/Cultural Studies and Critical Theory

Dr. York reviewed the graduate curriculum recommendations from the Department of English and Cultural Studies as follows:

New courses:

- *716 – Bob Dylan and American Culture: Memory, Consciousness and Meaning
(*to be cross-listed as CSCT *716*)
- *720 – Looking Within: Films about Filmmaking (*to be cross-listed as CSCT *720*)
- *724 – Reproduction, Citizenship, and the Nation/State 2011-2012 (*to be cross-listed as CSCT *724*)
- *728 - Comparative Studies in Nineteenth-Century Literature II
- *757 - Gender, Civility, and Courtliness in Early Modern Europe (*to be cross-listed as CSCT *757*)

Change in course title and description:

- *731 – Anxiety Disorders: The Cultural Politics of Risk (*to be cross-listed as Globalization *731*)
- *766 – Feminist, Queer and Trans Theory

Course cross listing:

- *765 – Biopolitics: An Introduction (*to be cross-listed as Globalization *765*)

Course cancellations:

- CSCT *704 – Music and Subjectivity in a Global Context
- CSCT/English *738 – Intra-African Mobilities
- CSCT/English *746 – Reading Sex and Sexuality in Post-Apartheid South Africa
- *781 – Debating Canadian Multiculturalism: Literary Production and Cultural Politics
- *792 – The Literary and Cultural Theory of Northrop Frye

Dr. Magee moved, and Dr. Service seconded,

“that the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee approve the proposed graduate curriculum changes from the Department of English and Cultural Studies, as described in the documents.”

The motion was carried.

French

The Department of French recommended the following:

Calendar copy: Ph.D. in French

New courses:

- *705 – Introduction to Literary Theory
- *710 – Research Methods and Professional Practices

Dr. Magee moved, and Dr. Graefe seconded,

“that the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee approve the proposed graduate curriculum changes from the Department of French, as described in the document.”

The motion was carried.

History

The Department of History has proposed the following graduate curriculum revisions:

Change to the Foreign Language Requirement for the Ph.D. program

New courses:

*706 – Culture and Politics in Nineteenth-Century France

*724 – Modern Caribbean History

Change in course title and description:

*743 – Topics in Soviet History

*761 – Themes in the History of the Post-Slavery African Diaspora

Dr. Service moved, and Dr. Graefe seconded,

“that the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee approve the proposed graduate curriculum changes from the History Department, as described in the documents.”

Dr. Heathorn explained that the proposed change to the foreign language requirement for the Ph.D. program substitutes a formal translation for the more subjective “comprehension” and completes the revision of language requirements the Department began last year. He added that the new policy is more understandable in terms of the responsibilities of both students and faculty supervisors.

The motion was carried.

Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy proposed a revision to the calendar description of its Ph.D. program. The sentence, “Candidates are also expected to demonstrate familiarity with the central areas of philosophy” was replaced with “Candidates are required to demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the central areas of philosophy by meeting five area requirements, chosen in consultation with the Ph.D. advisor. The areas are: Ancient and Medieval Philosophy; Modern Philosophy from 1600 to 1800; Continental Philosophy from

1800; British and American Philosophy from 1800; Ethics and Value Theory; Metaphysics and Epistemology; Social, Political, and Legal Philosophy; Logic, Philosophy of Language, and Philosophy of Science.”

Dr. Service moved, and Dr. Graefe seconded,

“that the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee approve the proposed change in the calendar description for the Ph.D. program in the Department of Philosophy, as described in the document.”

The motion was carried.

Faculty of Social Sciences

Anthropology

The Department of Anthropology is proposing two new courses.

*786 – Global Futures: Theory, Practice, and Possibility (*to be cross-listed as Globalization *786*)

*787 – Object Worlds: The Circulation and Value of Material Culture

Dr. Magee moved, and Dr. Service seconded,

“that the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee approve the new courses, *786 and *787, in the Department of Anthropology, as described in the documents.”

The motion was carried.

Economics

The Department of Economics has proposed a change in description for course, *768 – Advanced Econometrics.

Dr. Graefe moved, and Dr. Service seconded,

“that the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee approve the change in course description for course *768, as described in the document.”

The motion was carried.

Globalization

Dr. O'Brien reviewed the following graduate curriculum recommendations from the Globalization program.

History *723 – Global Environmental History *(to be cross-listed as Globalization *723)*

English/C SCT *731 – Anxiety Disorders: The Cultural Politics of Risk
*(to be cross-listed as Globalization *731)*

Political Science *758 – Cosmopolitanism and its Critics *(to be cross-listed as Globalization *758)*

English/C SCT *765 – Biopolitics: An Introduction *(to be cross-listed as Globalization *765)*

History *766 – Imperialism and Medicine *(to be cross-listed as Globalization *766)*

Anthropology *786 – Global Futures: Theory, Practice and Possibility
*(to be cross-listed as Globalization *786)*

Political Science *789 – Global Finance *(to be cross-listed as Globalization *789)*

Course cancellation:

*738 – Intra-African Mobilities

Dr. Graefe moved, and Dr. Magee seconded,

“that the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee approve the proposed graduate curriculum changes from the Globalization program, as described in the documents.”

The motion was carried.

Health and Aging

Dr. Gillett briefly discussed the recommended graduate curriculum changes from the Department of Health, Aging and Society.

Change to the calendar description of the M.A. degree that students must apply to complete the two-year option

New course:

*713 – Reading Course

Change in course description:

*706 – Independent Study

Dr. Hatton inquired as to why students are required to submit a written piece of scholarly work for both courses, *706 and *713. Dr. Gillett responded that because students come into the program with different interests, and end up taking either one of these courses, the student and instructor are required to fill out a form which helps to articulate an agreement on the

learning objective and the form of evaluation. Dr. Gillett added that a similar process is in place with the Department of History.

Dr. Service moved, and Dr. Magee seconded,

“that the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee approve the recommended graduate curriculum changes from the Department of Health Aging and Society, as described in the documents.”

The motion was carried.

Political Science

The Political Science Department has proposed the following graduate curriculum changes.

Change in the calendar description of the language requirement for the Ph.D. program
Change in the calendar description of the Ph.D. comprehensive examination for the Major Field 2 (Teaching Field)

New course:

*706 – Comparative Politics of Health Policy

Cross listing of courses:

*758 – Cosmopolitanism and its Critics (*to be cross-listed as Globalization *758*)

*789 – Global Finance (*to be cross-listed as Globalization *789*)

Course cancellation:

6P06 – Topics in Political Theory

Dr. Graefe moved, and Dr. Service seconded,

“that the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee approve the proposed graduate curriculum changes from the Department of Political Science, as described in the documents.”

Dr. Bird reviewed the department’s proposal to revise the current wording of the language requirement for its Ph.D. program. Dr. Bird said students must demonstrate reading and research competence in an approved language other than English. She explained that competence in a language entails the ability to comprehend government documents, newspapers and scholarly publications with the aid of a dictionary, and to be able to speak and comprehend at a level that allows the student to conduct interviews.

The motion was carried.

Social Work

The School of Social Work recommended the following graduate curriculum revisions.

Calendar copy: Critical Analysis of Social Work field

New courses:

*700 – Social Work Practice: Critical Frameworks

*701 – Social Policy: Critical Frameworks

Change in course title and description:

*721 – Community, Citizenship and Social Justice

*726 – Changing Social Service Organizations: Tensions in Practice

Course cancellations:

*703 – Policy Making Process

*706 – Social Welfare & Social Work in the Context of Globalization and Restructuring

*731 – Critical Analysis of Social Work Practice

*736 – Social Work Practice and Social Justice

Dr. Service moved, and Dr. Graefe seconded,

“that the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee approve the proposed graduate curriculum changes for the School of Social Work, as described in the documents.”

The motion was carried.

Water without Borders

Dr. Knight reviewed the proposed calendar copy for the Water without Borders graduate diploma program.

Dr. Magee moved, and Dr. Service seconded,

“that the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee approve the proposed calendar copy for the Water Without Borders graduate diploma program, as described in the document.”

The motion was carried.

Work and Society (Labour Studies)

The Labour Studies Department proposed the following graduate curriculum changes for its Work and Society program.

Change in course requirements for the M.A. degree

New course:

*770 – Special Topics (Labour and the Environment)

Dr. Magee moved, and Dr. Service seconded,

“that the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee approve the proposed graduate curriculum changes for the Work and Society program, as described in the documents.”

Dr. Lewchuk explained that the department has requested to increase the major research project requirement (MRP) from 6,000-7,000 words to 10,000-12,000 words, and the thesis requirement from 10,000-15,000 words to 15,000-20,000 words. He further said that the increased length for MRPs and theses brings the program in line with similar programs at other universities. Department experience has been that students have had trouble keeping to the existing work lengths and were requesting more flexibility to develop issues in more detail.

The motion was carried.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.