

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES
MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate
FROM: Jonathan Driver, Dean of Graduate Studies
Chair, Senate Graduate Studies Committee
SUBJECT: Graduate general regulations: Calendar changes (GS 2006.02)
DATE: January 31, 2006
cc:

For information

At its meeting of 16th January 2006 Senate Graduate Studies Committee approved the following changes in Graduate general regulations from the 2005/2006 calendar:

1. **GGR 1.2 - Senate Graduate Studies Committee**
editorial change due to change of title,
from:
"The administrative officers ... responsible for the supervision of graduate students are the *assistant director, graduate studies* and the dean of graduate studies."
to:
"The administrative officers ... responsible for the supervision of graduate students are the director, graduate admissions, records and registration and the dean of graduate studies."
2. **GGR 1.8.2 - Review of unsatisfactory progress**
editorial changes due to change of title,
from:
"The student concerned, with copies to the dean of graduate studies and the *assistant director, graduate studies*. If required to improve, with copies to the dean of graduate studies and the *assistant director, graduate studies*."
to:
"The student concerned, with copies to the dean of graduate studies and the director, graduate admissions, records and registration. If required to improve, with copies to the dean of graduate studies and the director, graduate admissions, records and registration."
3. **GGR 1.3.12 - English language competence**
editorial changes to reflect the approved minimum scores for the new TOEFL internet based test [GS2005.29; S.05-103],
from:
"The minimum University requirements for test scores is *TOEFL 570 (computer*

based score is 230), TWE 5 and IELTS overall band score of 7.0; some graduate programs have higher requirements, as described elsewhere in this Calendar.”

to:

“The minimum university requirements for test scores is TOEFL 88 with a minimum of 20 in each category (internet based exam), or TOEFL 570 and TWE 5 (paper based), or TOEFL 230 (computer based), and IELTS overall band score of 7.0; some graduate programs have higher requirements, as described elsewhere in this Calendar.”

4. **GGR 1.5.1 – Normal grading system**

additional notations to describe the progress in the thesis, extended essay or project, which are not used in calculation of GPA,

from:

“The following grades are used ...

...

F = 0 points”

to:

“The following grades are used ...

...

F = 0 points

IP = 0 points

CO = 0 points”

and from:

“When a student is working on a thesis, extended essay or project as part of the requirements for the degree, the notation IP (in progress) shall be entered on the transcript. IP is not a grade and is not used in calculating the student's CGPA.”

to:

“When a student is working on a thesis, extended essay or project as part of the requirements for the degree, the notation IP (in progress) shall be entered on the transcript. IP is not a grade and is not used in calculating the student's CGPA.

When a thesis, extended essay or project is completed, the notation CO shall be entered on the transcript. CO is not a grade and is not used in calculating the student's CGPA.”

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