

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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