

**MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND**  
**Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies**  
**Minutes, WebEx Meeting of January 17, 2022**

PRESENT: A. Warren (Chair), M. Burchell, A. Variyath, S. Ganz, J. Evermann, A. Gharmatale, D. Keeping, B. Mishkat, D. Peretti, C. Walsh, H. Liu, N. Barykina, A. Lang, D. Button, C. Badenhorst, D. Moralejo, A. Kim, A. Dorward, R. Joy

APOLOGIES: P. Coady, E. Pittman, J. Rodway, A. Cunsolo, R. Gosine

1. MINUTES

It was moved by A. Warren, and seconded by B. Mishkat, that the minutes of the meeting held December 20, 2021, be approved as circulated. The motion

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING

The Chair acknowledged the awareness of some members who were concerned with doing approval of content-heavy documents via email, which also cannot generate good discussion. SGS found that in December this is exactly what we had to do for some approvals, but hope that this is not a normal occurrence.

The University has not yet made a decision of in-person classes for Winter 2022. That decision will be made by January 31. The President stated they are taking their time with this as they monitor things as they evolve.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

4. DEAN'S REPORT/REPORT OF SENATE

- a. All items of business were approved at the regular meeting of Senate held January 11, 2022:
  - Proposed new Master of Applied Science in Software Engineering
  - Master of Artificial Intelligence
- b. The report and process for teaching effectiveness was passed, with more information to be sent out in the near future.

5. REPORT OF THE GRADUATE STUDENTS' UNION

Executive Director External Affairs

GSU underway to review the Graduate Student Development Fund – students form different societies and the societies are ratified at the AGM. Those societies are

required to provide a yearly report of how the funds were spent. There are currently 29 societies that have been ratified.

There are some events being planned for WinterFest with virtual events planned, but there may also be on-campus events depending on circumstances.

Executive Director Academic

The Aldrich Conference will be held on-line this year. There is currently 60 abstracts (40 – oral presentations; 20 – poster presentations), with confirmation of approximately 30 judges.

6. a) Academic Council Executive

i. Economics

The Department of Economics is requesting approval of revisions to section 9.8.1 of the University Calendar, to remove the requirement that applicants to the MA program must hold a degree from a Canadian University. International students are admitted to the program and would-be applicants might be discouraged by this technicality while considering whether to apply to the program.

It was moved by M. Burchell, and seconded by A. Lang, that the proposed revisions be approved. The motion

CARRIED

Calendar Entry:

9.8.1 Qualifications for Admission

To be considered for admission, an applicant must normally have completed an undergraduate Degree in Economics ~~at a Canadian university~~ with at least second-class Honours standing, or its equivalent. Satisfaction of this criterion does not guarantee admission and, if admitted, students may be required to complete specified undergraduate courses as deemed necessary by the Department.

ii. Folklore

The Department of Folklore is requesting approval of revisions to section 40.16.1, item 2, and 40.16.2 of the University Calendar, which removes the requirement that FOLK 7100 is necessary for completion of the PhD program. The course will continue to be offered, and will remain a requirement for the PhD in Ethnomusicology.

It was moved by M. Burchell, and seconded by S. Ganz, that the proposed revisions be approved. The motion

CARRIED

Calendar Entry:

#### 40.16.1 Program of Study

1. An applicant for admission to the Ph.D. program in Folklore must hold an M.A. Degree in Folklore, or its equivalent as determined by the Head of the Department and the Dean, with an average grade in M.A. courses of not less than 80%.
2. All Ph.D. students in the Folklore program must complete *at least* 18 credit hours in program graduate courses which shall include Folklore 7000 ~~and 7100~~. Students will normally be free to choose graduate courses of interest to them in Folklore or related disciplines, though it will be a primary responsibility of their committees to ensure that any serious deficiencies are made good. At the end of the second semester the program and further status of the student will be reviewed.

#### Secondary Calendar Changes

In the listing of graduate courses on the same page, section 40.16.2, the first paragraph would now be as follows:

A selection of the following graduate courses will be offered to meet the requirements of students, normally after consultation with the Head of the Department or the Graduate Studies Administrator, and as far as the resources of the Department will allow. Courses are structured according to the categories of: Theories and Methods, Issues, Form and Performance, Special Topics, Regional, National and International Heritage, Social Identities, Public and Applied Folklore, Interdisciplinary Perspectives and ~~Required (Ph.D.)~~.

The heading for the 7000-level courses would then be “PhD”:

#### ~~Required (Ph.D.)~~

7000 Advanced Folkloristics I

7100 Advanced Folkloristics II Research and Ethnography

#### iii. MBA-SEE

The Faculty of Business Administration is requesting approval of revisions to section 12.4 of the MBA-SEE program which changes the credit hours for existing courses Business 8504, 8506, 8507, 8508 from two credit hours to three credit hours, and revises 8517 and 8518 to mandatory non-credit courses.

It was moved by M. Burchell, and seconded by B. Mishkat, that the proposed revisions be approved. The motion

CARRIED

Calendar Entry:

#### 12.4 Programs of Study

This program requires 36 credit-hours as specified below:

**12.4.1 Fall Semester (~~15~~ 18 credit-hours)**

- Business 8500 Introductions to Social Innovation, Social Enterprise and Social Entrepreneurship (3 credit-hours)
- Business 8501 The Rise of Sustainable Capitalism (3 credit-hours)
- Business 8502 Organizational Behaviour in Social Enterprise (2 credit-hours)
- Business 8503 Managing Social Enterprise: Marketing (2 credit-hours)
- Business 8504 Managing Social Enterprise: Accounting (~~2~~ 3 credit-hours)
- Business 8505 Managing Social Enterprise: Human Resources (2 credit-hours)
- Business 8506 Managing Social Enterprise: Information Systems (~~2~~ 3 credit-hours)

**12.4.2 Winter Semester (~~15~~ 18 credit-hours)**

- Business 8507 Managing Social Enterprise: Finance (~~2~~ 3 credit-hours)
- Business 8508 Managing Social Enterprise: Operations Management (~~2~~ 3 credit-hours)
- Business 8509 Leadership within Social Enterprises (2 credit-hours)
- Business 8510 Economics and Public Policy (2 credit-hours)
- Business 8511 Strategic Business Planning for a Social Venture (2 credit-hours)
- Business 8512 Funding Social Ventures (2 credit-hours)
- Business 8513 Project Management (1 credit-hour)
- Business 8514 Legal and Regulatory Issues (1 credit-hour)
- Business 8515 Governing Social Enterprises (1 credit-hour)
- Business 8516 Social Impact Measurement (1 credit-hour)

**12.4.3 Spring/Summer (non-credit)**

- Business 8517 Internship (~~3 credit hours~~ mandatory non-credit course)
- Business 8518 Reflections (~~1 credit hour~~ mandatory non-credit course)

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

10. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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A. Warren, Chair

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Echo Pittman, Secretary