

GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – February 12, 2009

Present: Nolan Argyle, Mark Blackmore (for Jim Loughry), Michael Davey (for K Jacobsen), Diane Dees, Karla Hull (presiding), Wallace Koehler, Lyle Indergaard, George Langford, Yahya Mat Som, Mike Sanger, Barbara Stanley (for Ellice Martin), David Wasieleski. Guests: Thomas Manning, Meg Giddings, Rebecca Waters, Ellen Wiley, Teresa Williams

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Hull at 2:00 PM.

Minutes from January's meeting were reviewed; approved.

CHEM 5320 - Revised Course: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Thomas Manning said that the proposal will adjust lab hours for summer from 4 to 3 hours. This change will make scheduling easier. The proposal was approved.

MS Sociology – Curriculum Change: Motion was made to approve; seconded. There was a question about whether or not this program would allow Irregular Status or not for admitting graduate students. Since no one was present to address the question, the proposal was tabled.

MS Criminal Justice Curriculum Change: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Karla Hull explained that the proposal is in keeping with updating the catalog by using the template designed by the graduate school for uniformity of information. A dismissal policy was also added. The proposal was approved.

Endorsement Gifted & Talented – Curriculum Change: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Karla Hull reported that the proposal would make the information about deadlines and retention policies in the catalog consistent with the template used by all departments. The proposal was approved.

MS Clinical PSY & I/O PSY – Curriculum Changes: Motion was made to approve; seconded. David Wasieleski noted that the proposal adds information regarding deadlines, dismissal policies and other information conforming to the template used for updating the catalog. The proposals were approved.

EDD Adult and Career Education – Curriculum Change and ACED 9410 – Revised Course: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Yahya Mat Som and Ellen Wiley explained that there was a name change in the course and a change in the course description so that any faculty could teach the course instead of one. A clear definition of "diverse population" was requested. Barbara Stanley said that the COE executive committee thought saying just diverse population was too limiting. The graduate executive committee agreed that the wording should include "included but not limited to..." on the course proposal. The proposals were approved with a friendly suggestion of change in wording.

EDD Leadership – Curriculum Change: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Ellen Wiley said the changes will facilitate scheduling of courses for doctoral students; LEAD 9999 (dissertation hours) will replace RSCH 9999 to match other education doctoral programs.

RSCH 9800, 9870, and 9999 – Revised Courses: Motion was made to approve; seconded. RSCH 9800 is undergoing title and course description changes to better fit what faculty are teaching. RSCH 9870 is removing a pre-requisite; RSCH 9999 a prefix change. The proposals were approved.

EDD Curriculum and Instruction – Curriculum Change; CIED 9400 – Revised Course: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Ellen Wiley mentioned the proposal is requesting changes similar to the EDD Leadership changes (facilitating the scheduling of courses for doctoral students). Also, CIED 9400 and 9500 will replace EDUC 8030 and 8040, respectively. The EDUC courses are moving to GOML so access will be restricted. The proposals were approved.

Other Business:

Mike Sanger commented that there had to be an easier way to review the proposals before the meeting so time would not be wasted sorting through all of the documents. He also wanted to brainstorm ideas about restructuring the graduate executive meetings so that more time could be spent on considering/discussing critical issues related to graduate programs. Dr. Hull suggested that he chair a committee for screening purposes. Teresa Williams would assist the committee. (No other volunteers were given.)

GRE Review: Karla Hull requested that a committee be formed to review 1) use of combined scores for admission. ETS recommends that we do not do that. 2) International students seem to have barriers when taking the GRE. How difficult is it for international students to have access to the exam? David Wasieleski will chair the committee; Lyle Indergaard volunteered to assist.

Graduate Faculty Application Review: A committee is asked to be established to analyze the current criteria for graduate faculty status. What is the process? Is it redundant with too many forms being required of faculty (annual evaluations, promotion and tenure applications, SACS credential requirements, etc.). What are the benefits? Wallace Koehler, Nolan Argyle, and Dianne Dees agreed to serve on the committee.

Graduate Research Symposium set for May 1: Karla Hull reported that the sub-committee for the symposium met and set a target date of May 1 for the event. The plan is to host the event in Magnolia Rooms 1 and 2 in the University Center. Each program is invited to submit proposals; each program will have five slots. Some may use all, others none at all. It will be a poster session and reception. The graduate school will cover the costs of the lamination of posters through Media Services. Karla said she hopes to see on-line programs set up so they can participate as well. President Schloss and VPAA Levy plan to be there.

Graduate Assistantship Allocations: Karla Hull updated the committee on the progress regarding the restructuring of assistantships. A draft of a proposed set of allocations was sent to deans and program coordinators. The president wants teaching assistant positions for super sections – thus far 24 classes are being set up as super sections. The bottom line is that no extra funding will be available for the new TA positions so some shifting and sorting still needs to be done. Feedback is important at this stage – comments are coming in fast and furious. In the end, this group will make a recommendation to Dr. Levy very soon. Summer 2009 is not affected by the restructuring. The president's agenda for more scholarly and productive faculty and students and the increase in the minimum wage are driving factors behind the restructuring. The GA system has not changed in over 20 years, nor has there been much of an increase in stipends. It was suggested that President Schloss be invited to one of the committee meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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