

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

December 13, 2013

The Graduate Council met at 2:00 p.m. in the MT Center. Vice-Chair Nita Brooks presided.

I. Call to Order

Members present:

Vaughn Barry, Helen Binkley, Larry Burriss, Vince Cobb, Alex Collins, Kathleen Darby, Robert Kalwinsky, Jay Sanders, Jennifer Vannatta-Hall, Jim Williams and Jeremy Winters

Ex-Officio/Guests present:

Michael Allen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Nita Brooks, Vice-Chair

Dr. Brooks opened the meeting.

B. Dr. Michael Allen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Allen wished the Council Happy Holidays.

C. Dr. Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Cunningham distributed a handout from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Planning, and Research reflecting the Fall 2013 enrollment totals for all graduate programs based on the 14th day census.

Dr. Cunningham announced that January 17th will be his last day in the Associate Dean position. He has accepted a position in the Office of Academic Affairs. Dr. Amy Sayward will be interim Associate Dean through July 2014.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—November 22, 2013

Alex Collins' name was added to the list of attendees at the November meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November 22, 2013 as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review

Dr. Theresa McBreen, Chair

- Consent Calendar attached
- *A motion was made to accept the consent calendar. The motion was seconded and passed.*

B. Student Affairs and Travel

Dr. Robin Lee, Chair

- Dr. Allen has added an additional \$10,000 to the travel funds.

C. Policies and Procedures

Dr. Jim Williams, Chair

- No report at this time.

D. Graduate Program Review

Dr. Larry Burriss, Chair

- Dr. Burriss noted that the program reviewer nominations have been submitted to the Provost's Office.

V. Old Business

- There was no old business before the Council.

VI. New Business

- University Policy on Graduate Assistantship Employment

Dr. Cunningham noted that under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), employers must provide health insurance for employees working 30 or more hours per week. Departments need to keep this in mind when assigning graduate assistantship hours. The current university policy does not mention fractional or 25% time graduate assistantship, which we have a small number of 25% time graduate assistantships on campus. Dr. Cunningham suggested that the Council revisit the policy. Currently, the university policy only deals with full and half-time graduate assistantships.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24th at 2:00 pm.

Graduate Council – Consent Calendar December 13, 2013

Graduate Faculty Membership

Tricia Farwell / Journalism / PhD

Adjunct

Anna Edgeston / Educational Leadership / EdD
James Herman / Dyslexic Studies / EdD
Johnna Paraiso / Educational Leadership / MED
Wanda Shelton / Educational Leadership / EdD

Curriculum Changes

Educational Leadership

Dual-Listed Courses

YOED 5020 with YOED 4020, effective Spring 2014
YOED 5030 with YOED 4030, effective Spring 2014
YOED 5400 with YOED 4400, effective Spring 2014

History

Other

Students in the M.A. History/Public History Concentration degree program (both thesis and non-thesis options) currently are required to fulfill a research skill-set requirement by choosing one of two options:

- a. Demonstrate reading competency in a foreign language by passing the specific reading examination administered by the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department, or
- b. In consultation with their advisors, students can elect an alternative research skill that is directly related to their work.

The proposed change would replace the above requirement with the following requirement:

- Pass formal review of a portfolio demonstrating proficiency in three domains of professional skills, in accordance with the standards and protocols issued by the department.

Changes to be effective Fall 2013

Health and Human Performance

Proposed New Courses/Dual-List

LSM 7500 Legal Issues and Risk Management in Sport and Leisure Services, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2014

Title Changes

Changes to be Fall 2013

Title Change for Leisure Studies *Specialization* in Health and Human Performance Ph.D. The proposed title is Leisure and Sport Management *Specialization*.

LSM 5120 Change from Community Development in Leisure, Sport and Tourism to Community Development Through Leisure, Sport and Tourism