

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2016

Members Present: Anderson, Kelly – Special Education and Child Development
Ge, Yaorong – Software & Information
Haldeman, Randy – Music
Haynes, Christine – History
Hildreth, John – Engineering Technology and Construction Management
Livesay, Dennis – Bioinformatics & Genomics (Chair)
McCarter, Susan – School of Social Work
McGregor, Rob Roy – Economics
Tom Reynolds – Graduate School
Speights, Sabrina – PhD Candidate, Org Science and GPSG Student Representative
Steck, Todd – Biological Sciences
Walker, Judy – Atkins Library
Webster, Murray – Sociology

Also Attending: Hall-Hertel, Katherine – Graduate School
Parks, Annette – Graduate School
Sullivan, Shannon – Philosophy
Johnna Watson – Graduate School
Wyse, Matt – Faculty Governance

I. Report of the Chair

- Approval of the January 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes:
 - Chair Livesay called for a motion to approve the Jan. 5, 2016 Graduate Council meeting minutes as submitted. McGregor made the motion with a second from Hildreth. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Veteran's Graduate Assistantship:
 - March 15th is the deadline to submit nominations for three assistantships awarded to new graduate students who are military veterans.
- Chair Livesay requested a vote on the review of proposal **ARCH 11-4-15: M. Arch II-MS Computer Science/IT Dual Degree Program**, which does not have full approvals from the College of Computing and Informatics. The Graduate Council voted unanimously to return the proposal until all components were present.

II. Report of the Dean – Dean Reynolds.

- Conference of Southern Graduate Schools – Feb 18-21
 - CSGS annual meeting in Charlotte Feb 18 -21 at the Omni Hotel in uptown Charlotte.
 - Meeting information, including the agenda, can be found online at <http://www.csgs.org/>.
 - Dean Reynolds offered to cover the cost of registration for Graduate Council members interested in attending.

- Connect NC Bond - Vote on March 15th
 - The Dean encouraged Council members to educate their colleagues about the need to vote on March 15. The Connect NC Bond is on the ballot and while we cannot advocate to vote one way or the other we can educate on the importance of voting; Be sure to Vote = education
- Early Entry Applications –
 - Two Early Entry Applications: MA in Spanish and Graduate Certificate in English Translating and Translation Studies, were approved for immediate implementation.
- Research Integrity Officer (RIO) –
 - The University has revised the policy 309 Responding to Allegations of Misconduct in Research and Scholarship. The primary change is the establishment of a Research Integrity Officer (RIO). The RIO receives all allegations of research misconduct, determines if an inquiry is warranted, then works with Legal Affairs to manage the inquiry, The Dean of the Graduate School will serve as the University RIO.

III. Course and Curriculum Proposal

A. Name change request of MSPH degree to MPH degree

Chair Livesay explained there was an order of operations mistake on this proposal. It was approved by Faculty Council, in November 2015, pending the Graduate Council's approval. Jan Warren-Findlow and Susan Sell were present to answer questions.

In the field of public health education, the MPH is the primary professional degree that undergoes accreditation by the Council of Education on Public Health (**CEPH**). All CEPH education standards are based on the MPH. Students seeking to obtain graduate level training in public health look for universities offering the MPH. Indeed, the MPH is the professional degree offered by the 56 universities with CEPH-accredited programs of public health. As of this date, we are the only CEPH-accredited school or graduate program of public health that does not offer an MPH degree. This change will make UNC Charlotte on equal footing with other universities.

Thereby hearing no further discussion, Chair Livesay called for a motion to approve the proposal. McGregor made the motion with a second from Hildreth. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. BISOM 01-26-2015: Establishment of a new elective course DSBA 6213

A discussion took place and a motion was made to approve the proposal as submitted. McGregor made the motion with a second from Halderman. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. MKTG 3-11-2015: Establishment of a New Marketing Analytics Concentration

A discussion took place and a motion was made to approve the proposal with the recommendation to clearly define the term project. McCarter made the motion with a second from Speights. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Graduate Certificates in Network Security and Secure Software Design

Chair Livesay reported he had invited Heather Lipford to the Graduate Council meeting to highlight the context of these Graduate Certificates as a gateway to the master's program.

A discussion took place and a motion was made to approve the proposal as submitted. McGregor made the motion with a second from Haldeman. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. PHIL 11-10-2015: MA in Ethics and Applied Philosophy Revisions from 2016-01-05 Meeting

This proposal was previously reviewed at the Jan 5, 2016 Graduate Council meeting. The requested revisions were addressed but new comments emerged. Chair Livesay invited Shannon Sullivan, Chair of Philosophy, to the Graduate Council meeting to explain the rationale of the proposal, which is to replace the master's thesis with a master's paper, and to answer additional questions.

A discussion took place and the following revisions were requested:

- Page 3, **Justification**: section needs to be appropriately revised and written in a positive tone.
 - Correct inconsistencies between the syllabus and the assessment plan
 - Clarify student's examining committee – address number of committee members and criteria for committee member selection
 - Grading Policy – make corrections to grading percentages, 90% =A & B, 80% is a B and a C, and 70% is a C and a U
- 90%-100%.....A¶
80%-90%.....B¶
70%-80%.....C¶
Less than 70%...U¶

There being no further discussion a motion was made to approve pending revisions. McCarter made the motion with a second from McGregor. The motion was passed unanimously

IV. Other Business

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm.

The next meeting of the Graduate Council will be Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,



Christi Skerlak
Secretary to the Graduate Council