

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2017

Members Present: Anderson, Kelly – Education
Binder, Amanda – Atkins Library
Cornelius, Judith – School of Nursing
Gámez, José – School of Architecture (alt Beorkrem)
Haynes, Christine – History
Mauer, David – Finance
McGregor, Rob Roy – Economics
Reynolds, Tom – Graduate School
Shin, Min – Computer Science
Steck, Todd – Biology
Wu, Jay – Infrastructure & Environmental Systems (INES)

Also Attending: Birkett, James – Graduate School
Freitag, Alan – Graduate School
Hall-Hertel, Katherine – Graduate School
Kissau, Scott – Middle, Secondary and K-12 Education
Morse, Janet – Graduate School
Tankersley, Richard – CLAS
Watson, Johnna – Graduate School
Wyse, Matt – Faculty Governance Assist

Absent: McCloud, Sean – Religious Studies
Smith, Heather – Geography & Earth Sciences
Williams, John – GPSG Representative, Ph.D. Candidate, C&I

I. Report of the Chair – Chair Rob Roy McGregor

- **Approval of the April 4, 2017, Meeting Minutes:** Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve the April 4, 2017, Graduate Council meeting minutes. Mauer made the motion with a second from Gámez. The motion was approved unanimously.
- **Announced 2017-18 Graduate Council Chair:** Chair McGregor congratulated Christine Haynes as the 2017-18 Graduate Council Chair elect.
- **Council Review/Input:** Currently the Cato College of Education has seven “short form” proposals for the Graduate Council Chair to approve in Curriculog. They would like to change graduate student teaching courses from three credit hours to variable credit, three to six credit hours. Justification offered; course loads vary (some have more required assignments) and with federal financial aid’s new definition of half time this difference needs to be reflected. With no objections from the Council, Chair McGregor will approve.

II. Report of the Dean – Dean Tom Reynolds

- Dean Reynolds congratulated the newly elected Graduate Council Chair, Christine Haynes, and thanked Rob Roy for his many years of service on the Graduate Council.

III. Discussion Topic – Chair Rob Roy McGregor

New Degree Planning Process: Chair McGregor led a discussion to revise the current *Request to Plan* and *Request to Establish New Degree Programs* policies. A discussion took place and following was requested.

- Amend item three on the *Campus Procedures for the Request to Plan Degree Programs*, add additional sentence “ The Dean of the Graduate School shall consult with the Graduate Council and forward comments to the appropriate academic deans.”

Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve the amendment. Haynes made the motion with a second from Cornelius. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Course and Curriculum Proposals

A. Master of Science in Architecture

José Gámez, from the School of Architecture, was present to give an overview of the proposal and answer questions. A discussion took place and Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve as submitted. Haynes made the motion with a second from Gámez. The motion was approved unanimously

B. SOWK 7050: Social Work Practice with Military Veterans

A discussion took place and Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Cornelius made the motion with a second from Mauer. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. SOWK 7055: Advanced Mental Health Assessment

A discussion took place and the following comments were shared.

- Faculty listed as adjunct for a permanent course. Is there a backup plan?

Thereby hearing no further discussion, Chair McGregor called for a motion to defer this proposal pending clarification on faculty staffing of the course. Steck made the motion with a second from Mauer. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. BINF 8990: Bioinformatics Pre-dissertation Research

A discussion took place and the following comments were shared.

- Clarification on how this course will be graded. Pass/fail or A, B, C, U?
- One sentence course description, please elaborate.
- Explain title and research opportunity; will the students participate with faculty or perform their own research?

Thereby hearing no further discussion, Chair McGregor called for a motion to defer this proposal pending clarification. Anderson made the motion with a second from Mauer. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. Business Foundations, Graduate Certificate [Program Inactivation]

A discussion took place and Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Mauer made the motion with a second from Cornelius. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Electrical Engineering, MSEE - Program Revision

A discussion took place and Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Cornelius made the motion with a second from Wu. The motion was approved by majority vote.

G. NURS 6603: Synthesis in Advanced Nursing Practice

A discussion took place and Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Anderson made the motion with a second from Mauer. The motion was approved unanimously.

H. READ 6300: Global Literacy in a Multicultural World: Genre Study - New Course

A discussion took place and Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Mauer made the motion with a second from Gámez. The motion was approved unanimously.

I. RELS 5001: The Other Cheek: from Christian Disdain to the Organized Destruction of Europe's Jews - New Course

A discussion took place and the following comments were shared.

- In field (3) the proposal states “addition of a new elective course to its *undergraduate* curriculum...” Change undergraduate to graduate.

(3) Brief statement why the course is being proposed:

The Department of Religious Studies proposes the addition of a new elective course to its undergraduate curriculum: RELS 5001 "The Other Cheek: From

- Include a graduate level grading scale.

Thereby hearing no further discussion, Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve this proposal pending revisions. Cornelius made the motion with a second from Mauer. The motion was approved unanimously.

J. SOWK 7040: Health Care and Social Work

A discussion took place and Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Cornelius made the motion with a second from Gámez. The motion was approved unanimously.

K. SOWK 7045: Management and Supervision

A discussion took place and Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Mauer made the motion with a second from Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously.

L. SOWK 7060: Social Work Practice with Latino Communities

A discussion took place and Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Mauer made the motion with a second from Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously.

M. Accountancy and Juris Doctor, M.Acc/J.D., Dual Degree [Program Inactivation]

A discussion took place and Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Mauer made the motion with a second from Gámez. The motion was approved unanimously.

N. ENGL 5075 - Topics in Linguistics

A discussion took place and Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Haynes made the motion with a second from Gámez. The motion was approved unanimously.

O. ENGL 5200 - Teaching of Writing

A discussion took place and Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Mauer made the motion with a second from Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously.

P. ENGL 5201 - Teaching Multiethnic Literature

A discussion took place and Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Haynes made the motion with a second from Mauer. The motion was approved unanimously.

Q. ENGL 5270 - Studies in Writing, Rhetoric and Literacy

A discussion took place and the following comments were shared.

- Syllabus needs to include an undergraduate and graduate level grading scale.

Thereby hearing no further discussion, Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve this proposal pending revisions. Gámez made the motion with a second from Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously.

R. ENGL 6895 – Project

A discussion took place and the following comments were shared.

- Needs to include a course syllabus with general policies and procedures
- Revise course description to clarify and/or elaborate on the creative project option.

Thereby hearing no further discussion, Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve this proposal pending revisions. Mauer made the motion with a second from Gámez. The motion was approved unanimously.

S. Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor, M.B.A./J.D., Dual Degree [Program Inactivation]

A discussion took place and Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Haynes made the motion with a second from Mauer. The motion was approved unanimously.

T. Real Estate and Juris Doctor, M.S.R.E./J.D., Dual Degree [Program Inactivation]

A discussion took place and Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Haynes made the motion with a second from Mauer. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christi Shook

Secretary to the Graduate Council