

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2011

Members Present: Anderson, Kelly – Special Ed and Child Development
Fodor, Anthony – Computer Science
Gray, Lee – Architecture
Wikstrom, Eric (KNES) alternate for Shanti Kulkarni – Social Work
McGregor, Rob Roy – Economics (Graduate Council Chair)
Sell, Susan (Grad School) alternate for Tom Reynolds, Associate Provost and Dean
Schwarz, Peter - Economics
Starrett, Greg – Anthropology
Steck, Todd - Biology
Teng, Gary – Systems Engineering and Engineering Management

Absent: Olson, Mike – Atkins Library
Shockey, Liz – GPSG Student Representative
Smith, Stephanie Moller - Sociology

Also Attending: Watson, Johnna – Graduate School
Zenk, Leslie – Academic Affairs

I. Welcome and Approval for the October 4, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Chair McGregor called the meeting to order and called for the motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2011 meeting. Teng made the motion with a second from Gray. There being no further discussion, the minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

II. Report of the Chair

- Chair McGregor acknowledged Greg Starrett with being nominated for the Bank of America Teaching award.
- The GRAD 9-1-11: Responsible Conduct of Research proposal has been withdrawn.
- The Faculty Council has approved the changes submitted by the Council in the verbiage of the proposal to increase the Graduate Admissions GPA.

III. Report of the Dean

Susan Sell reported for Dean Tom Reynolds who was out on medical leave.

- More students have been funded in 2011 for Graduate Assistantships
- Graduation numbers increased in the fall:
 - 422 (fall 2011) Masters vs 384 (fall 2010)
 - 184 (fall 2011) Grad Certificates vs 162 (fall 2010)
 - 29 (fall 2011) PhD Candidates vs 23 (fall 2010)
 - 1 (fall 2011 EdD Candidate vs 11 (fall 2010)
- Reaching out to Graduate Program Directors with mid-term data

- Will be meeting with the Provost this Friday to discuss Graduate Enrollment Projections for 2011-2012

Johnna Watson reported on fall admissions: 4994 (fall 2011) vs 5308 (fall 2010)
 These trends are following the national trends. The decrease in the College of Ed is driven mostly by the economy.

IV. Course and Curriculum Proposals

a. ANTH 9-01-2011: New Graduate Courses in Anthropology: Act 2

Chair McGregor called for a motion to consider. Gray made the motion with a second from Schwarz. A discussion took place and explanations were offered by Gregory Starrett which satisfied the Council. Chair McGregor called for the motion to approve the proposal as submitted. Teng made the motion with a second from Gray. The proposal was approved unanimously.

V. Reports from the subcommittees:

a. Standards and Assessment – no report

Chair Lee Gray
 Members: Olson, Moller

b. Planning – no report

Chair Todd Steck fall 2011, Chair Shanti Kulkarni spring 2012
 Members: Fodor, Anderson, Kulkarni

c. Course and Curriculum – no report

Chair Gary Teng
 Members: Starrett, Shockey, Schwarz

VI. Discussion Item – How often should we revisit the Graduate Faculty Criteria?

- 2007 – Council reviewed the guidelines for Graduate Faculty Criteria (GFC)
- Asked departments to review their GFC and update any GFC older than 2000 including statements relating to adjunct and lecturers
- Departments use this criteria for appointing individuals to the Graduate Faculty
- The Graduate Council has developed guidelines for departments to use in developing their own standards.
- At what point should a department revise their criteria – if new PhD programs are introduced?
- Starrett suggested following the same 10 year schedule as the SAC Accreditation cycle

- Gray was in agreement with Starrett's suggestion and added changes may be required when adding a degree at a higher level (more than likely the criteria would be the same unless there is something special or unique).

VII. Other Business

Chair McGregor called for a motion to discuss a short form from the MPA requesting to rename the program. Schwarz made the motion with a second from Fodor.

- Gray stated he would feel more comfortable with letters of support from a Development perspective.
- If approved, we would be setting precedence.
- The Council is just one step in the process.
- Starrett – where is the endowment coming from?
- Leslie Zenk offered to research to see if there are other programs named after individuals or entities.
- Steck – what criteria would we use to approve or deny?
- Starrett – served on a committee requested by the Provost and this was one of the topics. There was a draft policy on the issue of gifts with curriculum implications. Not sure what happened to the policy – naming, endowments
- Need additional information about the background and any processes in place at GA or campus level.

Chair McGregor called for a motion to defer making a decision to allow further research. Fodor made the motion with a second from Starrett.

VIII. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 12 noon, in Cato Hall Room 228.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Annette Parks
Secretary to the Graduate Council