

## Graduate Council Minutes

January 24, 2007

**Present:** Bleiler, Bluestone, Brennan, Butler, McCartney, Ostlund, Reynolds, Siegel, Sussman, Wood, Devereaux, Orr Eldred, Hanson

**Absent:** Taylor, Yeakley, Feyerherm

### Agenda

#### Minutes from January 10 meeting

##### New Business

###### College of Fine and Performing Arts

- ArH 449/549 Methods in Art History, 4 cr – change title to Art History Methods, change course description, change prerequisites
- ArH 450/550 Great Periods and Themes in Art and Architecture, 4 cr – change course description, change prerequisites
- ArH 498/598, 499/599 Art since WWII, 4 cr each – drop 498/598, change 499/599 title to Contemporary Art, change course description, change prerequisites

###### College of Urban and Public Affairs

- PA 544 Leadership and Governance in Health Services, 3 cr – new course

##### Discussion Item

Foreign language requirement for MA/MAT

The meeting was called to order at 3:08.

#### Minutes from January 10, 2007, GC meeting

- *It was moved (Butler) and seconded (Brennan) to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was approved with 6 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.*

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Siegel provided an overview of these course proposals and recommended approval.

*After discussion, it was moved (Sussman) and seconded (Wood) to approve the proposals as submitted. The proposals passed unanimously.*

### **College of Urban and Public Affairs**

- PA 544 Leadership and Governance in Health Services, 3 cr – new course  
Siegel provided an overview of this proposal and recommended approval.

*After discussion, it was moved (Sussman) and seconded (Bleiler) to approve the proposal as submitted. The proposal passed unanimously.*

### **Discussion Item**

Foreign language requirement for MA/MAT programs.

Orr Eldred asked GC to review the foreign language requirement for MA/MAT programs. Two items were discussed. The first was the possibility of American Sign Language (ASL) being used to meet this requirement. Per the Foreign Language department, ASL has not been approved for use to meet the foreign language requirement in the past as it is not a “foreign” language. GC members discussed whether the requirement should be titled “foreign language” or “second language” requirement. Beginning in Fall 2007, the Foreign Language department will offer instruction in second-year ASL (first year will be through the Speech and Hearing Sciences department), and since ASL will be offered – and can be tested – at the second year level, the Foreign Language department is now in favor of ASL being used to meet this requirement. After discussion, it was decided that ASL can be used to meet the foreign language effective immediately.

The second issue discussed was whether or not the MA/MAT degrees should have a foreign language requirement. Orr Eldred said that college and university requirements regarding a foreign language for MA degrees (or even MS degrees) vary across the country. GC discussed the original rationale for the requirement, which was understood to be to support research in another language. There was a suggestion that a proposal about removing the foreign language requirement be composed, but it was noted that the impetus for possibly changing the requirement is not coming from the programs that offer MA degrees. After discussion, it was decided that GC will not act on this issue at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13.