

Graduate Council Minutes

April 11, 2007

Present: Bluestone, Borgmeier, McCartney, Ostlund, Reynolds, Siegel, Taylor, Dinsdale, Feyerherm, Orr Eldred, Hanson

Absent: Bleiler, Brennan, Butler, Sussman, Wood, Yeakley, Devereaux

Agenda

New Business

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- LING 417/517 Language Maintenance and Revitalization, 4 credits – new course

Discussion Items

Graduate Certificate in Sustainability
Petition Readers for Spring term

The meeting was called to order at 3:10.

Minutes from February 28, 2007, GC meeting

- *It was moved (Siegel) and seconded (Taylor) to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.*

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Taylor provided an overview of the course and the requested revisions, which have now been made. The most substantial revision was the differentiation of the 400/500 requirements.

- It was noted that the title does not seem reflective of the content of the course, and it was suggested that the word “endangered” be added to the title.
- The question was raised whether or not other units had been contacted regarding overlap, specifically Foreign Languages. Taylor will clarify this with the units.

After discussion, it was moved (Siegel) and seconded (Borgmeier) to approve the proposal pending revision to the title. The proposal passed unanimously.

Graduate Certificate in Sustainability

The proposed Sustainability certificate is interdisciplinary, and since the Office of Graduate Studies is the Dean’s Office for interdisciplinary programs, Feyerherm informed GC that they will act as both School/College curriculum committee as well as GC for this proposal. He also said it would be beneficial if the review could proceed quickly as there are students already taking the proposed coursework in hopes of earning this certificate. This proposal is currently quite lengthy, and per Feyerherm should be pared down in the review process.

Siegel pointed out an issue related to the library that she raised in the last meeting. There is currently no library approval for new graduate certificates, which are defined as repackaging of existing course. New course proposals do not need library approval, so it is possible that a graduate certificate can be approved that does not have the library resources or budget in place to support it. Feyerherm said that there will soon be an earlier step in the review process in which resources are examined and addressed, so it should not be that graduate certificate proposals will come to GC without such an assessment of budget viability being done.

Feyerherm asked the comments on the proposal and three attached courses be emailed to him and Orr Eldred within the next week.

Petition Readers

Bleiler (tentative), Borgmeier, and Butler will read petitions for Spring term.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52.