

Graduate Council Minutes

February 27, 2008

Present: Beyler, Bluestone, Brennan, Elzanowski, McCartney, Mildner, Ostlund, Taylor, Harmon, Orr Eldred, Hanson

Absent: Borgmeier, Butler, Maier, Reynolds, Siegel, Yeakley, Vurkac, Feyerherm

Agenda

Minutes from February 13 meeting

Old Business

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- ENG 519 Advanced College Composition Teaching, 1 credit – new course

College of Urban and Public Affairs

- PHE 522/622 Health and Social Inequalities, 3 credits – new course

New Business

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- MA/MS in Communication Studies – change to existing program
- SP 416/516 Theories of Communication, 4 credits – drop 500 section, change course description
- SP 516 Topics: Theories of Communication, 4 credits – new course
- SP 438/538 Everyday Talk: Structure and Process, 4 credits – new course
- SP 439/539 Gesture and Meaning in Everyday Talk, 4 credits – new course
- SP 440/540 Figuratively Speaking: Metaphor, Play, and Humor in Everyday Talk, 4 credits – new course
- SP 460/560 Framing and Mass Media, 4 credits – new course
- SP 462/562 Propaganda, Public Relations, and Film, 4 credits – new course
- SP 489/589 Media Ethics, 4 credits – new course

School of Fine and Performing Arts

- TA 486/586 Topics in Film and the Moving Image, 4 credits – new course

School of Social Work

- CFS 486/586 Parent & Family Education, 4 credits – new course

Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science

- OMSE 516 Software Process Improvement – new course

The meeting was called to order at 3:10.

Minutes from February 13, 2008 GC meeting

It was moved (Brennan) and seconded (McCartney) to approve the minutes with two clarifications. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- ENG 519 Advanced College Composition Teaching, 1 credit – new course

It was noted that the syllabus lists a C grade as satisfactory work. Ostlund will bring this to the attention of the instructor.

It was moved (Elzanowski) and seconded (Taylor) to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

College of Urban and Public Affairs

- PHE 522/622 Health and Social Inequalities, 3 credits – new course

It was noted that the grade scale on the syllabus incorrectly lists C (instead of C+) as below the graduate standard; Ostlund will bring this to the attention of the instructor.

It was moved (McCartney) and seconded (Elzanowski) to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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Brennan provided an overview of these proposals and questions were discussed.

- In the revision to the existing program, it was noted that course numbers should be added in the methods section. Also, there is an error in the thesis and project course numbers. (Thesis is listed as 506, Project is listed as 503.)
- It was suggested that the 516 proposal is really three courses and should be designated three separate course numbers instead of a topics course with one number.
- It was asked why the language about the foreign language requirement for the MA was removed.
- For SP 462/562, overlap with Theater Arts needs to be addressed.
- A suggestion was made that the title for SP 440/540 is too long. Brennan will discuss this with the unit.

After discussion, it was moved (Elzanowski) and seconded (Taylor) to approve these proposals pending: 1) SP 516 renumbered as three separate courses, 2) addition of course numbers to the methods courses in the program revision proposal, 3) correction of 503/506 error, 4) clarification of removal of foreign language requirement for MA, and 5) overlap with Theater Arts addressed for SP 462/562. The motion passed with 5 in favor, 0 against, and 2 abstentions. (The establishment of the three course numbers for 516 and clarification of titles for the three courses will be handled administratively by Harmon and Hanson.)

School of Fine and Performing Arts

- TA 486/586 Topics in Film and the Moving Image, 4 credits – new course

After discussion, it was moved (Bluestone) and seconded (Elzanowski) to approve the proposal pending discussion of overlap with English. The motion was approved with 6 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

School of Social Work

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It was moved (McCartney) and seconded (Brennan) to approve this course as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science

- OMSE 516 Software Process Improvement – new course

It was moved (McCartney) and seconded (Brennan) to approve this course as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion – faculty qualification to teach graduate courses

Ostlund provided an update on this topic. She has reviewed the data and found that adjuncts are listed as instructor of record primarily for topics courses and practica/internships. Her final report on this subject will be part of the Grad Council's annual report to the Faculty Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.