

Graduate Council Minutes

April 16, 2008

Present: Beyler, Bluestone, Borgmeier, Brennan, Butler, Elzanowski, Maier, McCartney, Mildner, Ostlund, Siegel, Taylor, Vurkac, Feyerherm, Harmon, Orr Eldred, Hanson

Absent: Reynolds, Yeakley

Guests: Jennifer Allen, Center for Sustainable Processes and Practices

Agenda

Minutes from March 12 meeting

New Business

Interdisciplinary Studies (courses from College of Liberal Arts and Sciences)

- Graduate Certificate in Sustainability – new program
- ESR 588 Environmental Sustainability , 4 credits – new course
- SOC 588/688 Social Sustainability Theory and Practice, 4 credits – new course

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- MA/MS Economics – change to an existing program
- EC 480/580 Mathematical Economics – change prerequisites

Graduate School of Education

- CI 560 Action Research, 3 credits – change course number to CI 590, change title and description
- CI 573 Assessment in Early Childhood Education, 3 credits – change title to Assessment and Technology in Early Childhood Education, change description
- CI 591 Action Research Implementation, 3 credits – new course

School of Fine and Performing Arts

- TA 580 Film Theory, 4 credits – new course

Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science

- Graduate Certificate in Energy Systems – new program

Discussion – Requirements for Doctoral Degrees

Petition readers for Spring term

The meeting was called to order at 3:08.

Minutes from March 12, 2008 GC meeting

The minutes were approved by consensus with correction of two typos.

New Business

Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science

- Graduate Certificate in Energy Systems – new program

It was noted that letters of support have still not been received. Questions were also raised about similar programs in the state and overlap with Economics.

No one from ECE was able to join the meeting to answer questions, so the proposal was tabled. OGS will contact unit about outstanding issues and rescheduling a guest to answer GC questions.

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There was discussion in advance of Allen joining the meeting and areas needing to be addressed were identified.

Allen joined the meeting to answer questions.

- Allen was asked about the budget and the .1 FTE for administrative support. She stated that this already exists in the current .75 position.
- It was noted that the library budget would need to be adjusted to show an increase for the first four years.
- The course proposals were done on the old forms which do not ask for the name of faculty member in different units who have been contacted about overlap. Questions about overlap will have to be addressed.
- There was discussion about academic requirements for the program. It was suggested that reference to quick entry be removed and that higher GPA standards be set for admission.

Allen was excused.

The graduate certificate proposal was tabled until next week.

It was moved (Maier) and seconded (Elzanowski) to approve ESR 588 pending clarification of overlap with Biology and SOC 588/688 pending clarification of class handouts. The motion was approved with 7 in favor, 2 against, and 1 abstention.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- MA/MS Economics – change to an existing program

Taylor led a discussion of the proposals and the changes the subcommittee had requested. It was noted that EC 596 and 597 could be replaced with EC 501 or 506 as this is the students' culminating activity. It was also suggested that the alternative GMAT score be specified and that language about advancement to candidacy be removed.

It was moved (Maier) and seconded (Elzanowski) to approve the proposals pending 1) substitution of 506 for 596 and 597, 2) clarification of GMAT score, and 3) removal of advancement to candidacy language. The motion was approved unanimously.

- EC 480/580 Mathematical Economics – change prerequisites

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

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Taylor led a discussion of the proposals and the changes the subcommittee had requested. It was noted that these course changes will possibly have a library impact.

It was moved (Elzanowski) and seconded (Mildner) to approve the proposals pending clarification of library resources for CI 590 and 591. The motion was approved unanimously.

School of Fine and Performing Arts

- TA 580 Film Theory, 4 credits – new course

The undergraduate section of this course was previously approved, so the subcommittee requested that all undergraduate references be removed. A question was raised about the prerequisite of graduate standing; Harmon will remove this item.

It was moved (Siegel) and seconded (Mildner) to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion passed with 8 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.