

Graduate Council Minutes

June 11, 2008

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

Absent: Borgmeier, Mildner, Reynolds, Yeakley

Guests: Randy Hitz, Graduate School of Education
Samuel Henry, Graduate School of Education
Ann Fullerton, Graduate School of Education
Swapna Mukhopadhyay, Graduate School of Education

Agenda

Minutes from May 28 meeting

Discussion – Requirements for EdD degree

Old Business

Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science

- MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering – change to existing program

New Business

Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science

- EMGT 519/619 Human Side of Technology Management, 4 credits – new course
- EMGT 534/634 Technology Roadmapping, 4 credits – new course
- EMGT 543/643 Front End Management for New Product Development, 4 credits – new course
- EMGT 556/656 User-Centered Innovation, 4 credits – new course
- EMGT 559/659 Global Management of Technology, 4 credits – new course
- EMGT 562/662 New Venture Management, 4 credits – new course
- EMGT 567/667 Knowledge Management, 4 credits – new course
- EMGT 570/670 Role of Government in Technology Management, 4 credits – new course
- EMGT 571/671 Managing Emerging Technologies, 4 credits – new course

Summer Petition Readers

The meeting was called to order at 3:10.

Feyerherm introduced the topic of a potential change to the Ed.D. degree. The thought behind such a change is part of a national movement supported by the Carnegie Foundation for professional doctorates. The Ed.D. is not a research degree and is intended to prepare practitioners for advanced work in the field. A primary question is what would be the most appropriate culminating activity for such a degree.

Hitz, Henry, Fullerton, and Mukhopadhyay joined the meeting.

Hitz discussed the changes that the GSE would like to introduce to the Ed.D. degree, perhaps as early as Fall 2009. He stated that the Ed.D. is a professional degree and most graduates do not take research positions at universities but instead are practitioners who work in administrative positions. The changes being discussed for the Ed.D. degree would be ones that would best serve such students. The current culminating activity for the Ed.D. is a dissertation, but one change being discussed is the addition of a capstone project that could be done individually or in teams with each student responsible for one component.

- A question was asked about offering both a dissertation and capstone option. It was stated that this would probably be the case, at least in transition. It was also stated that the program may move toward offering an Ed.D. and a Ph.D.

- It was asked what distinguishes our Ed.D. program of others in the country. Mukhopadhyay and Hitz said a focus on local issues was being discussed.

The guests asked that comments and ideas about the proposed change be sent to Hitz and Henry. The guests were excused.

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The minutes as submitted were approved with 6 in favor, 0 against, and 3 abstentions.

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The department provided additional information as previously requested.

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

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Ostlund asked why all of these courses, which are each projected to have about 10 students, have a GA when much larger courses in other disciplines do not have GA support. The question of what duties GAs are performing and the issue of peer instruction were also raised.

It was moved (Butler) and seconded (Elzanowski) to approve the proposals pending clarification of GA duties, possible peer instruction, and budget. The motion was passed with 9 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

Summer Petition Readers

Bluestone, McCartney, and Siegel will read petitions this summer.

Beyler will be GC Chair next year. Bluestone, Brennan, McCartney, Ostlund, and Siegel will be rotating off GC next year.

Discussion

Bluestone raised the issue of faculty working without a contract and whether new program proposals should be approved in this situation. It was noted that faculty currently are working under a contract extension. Before GC considers action on this issue next year, it was suggest that AAUP be consulted regarding any possible implications.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.