

Graduate Council Minutes

November 26, 2008

Present: Beyler, Bodegom, Elzanowski, Faaleava, Gould, Howard, Jivanjee, Maier, Mildner, Robillard, Ostlund, Harmon, Hanson, Popp

Absent: Borgmeier, Everett, Marshall, Feyerherm

Agenda

Minutes from October 29 meeting

Discussion: Doctoral program requirements

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Ph.D. in Applied Physics – new program
- PH 617 Quantum Mechanics, 3 credits – change to 4 credits, change course description
- PH 618, 619 Quantum Mechanics, 4 credits each – add PH 617 to sequence

Graduate School of Education

- CI 530 Teaching Struggling Adolescent Readers, 3 credits – new course

School of Social Work

- MSW in Social Work – change to existing program

The meeting was called to order at 12:05.

Minutes from October 29 meeting

It was moved (Beyler) and seconded (Robillard) to approve the minutes as submitted. Five approve, zero against, two abstained, motion was approved.

Discussion: Doctoral program requirements

Beyler states there are three issues surrounding the doctoral requirements to discuss, time limits to graduation, course expiration, and department reporting to the Graduate Office. Ostlund reported after the previous meeting with most of the Doctoral Program Directors the following consensus was recommended to bring before Faculty Senate in time for the 2009 Bulletin:

- Admission to comprehensive tests = 5 years + 2 year if admitted with MA/MS to complete
- Comprehensive Test to advancement to candidacy = 3 years
- Advancement to candidacy to graduation = 5 years
- University deadlines imposed, but departments still monitor and enforce their own policies for their individual doctoral programs.
- If new policies are implemented, currently admitted students generously grandfathered in.

Also discussed course expiration. Doctoral Committees consensus was to keep the five member committee, and allow one outside PSU member. Also, a member from OHSU can be considered a PSU faculty member of a committee.

Discussion within the Graduate Council consisted of the following:

- Above recommendations from the Doctoral Program Directors
- Course expiration was also discussed and although there are currently no age limits for courses in doctoral degrees, the program directors within these programs feel it is not an issue. Therefore, course ages were tabled.

- Consequences for not adhering to above university limits. If student does not meet the first requirement of admission to comprehensive test in five or seven years; may have to reapply to program. If student does not meet the second requirement of three years from comprehensive test to advancement to candidacy; may have to retake the comprehensive test, or reply to program. A petition process for reviewing requests for waivers based on extenuating circumstances must also be defined.
- Leave of absences
- Ostlund/Hanson to draft proposal consisting of the above discussion for review by the next Graduate Council meeting. Recommendations ready to take to Faculty Senate by March.

Discussion of the suggestion to change the current policy regarding doctoral dissertation committees. The suggestion that an off-campus OHSU member be allowed to replace a PSU faculty member was in agreement with the Doctoral Program Directors. They strongly disagreed with the suggestion that committee membership could be reduced from five to four, but again that an off-campus member could be the fifth committee member.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Ph.D. in Applied Physics – new program
Dave Maier moved to approve this program with comments made on 3d, two comments on Apx C and correct typing error, Marek Elzanowski seconded it – unanimously approved
- PH 617 Quantum Mechanics, 3 credits – change to 4 credits, change course description
- PH 618, 619 Quantum Mechanics, 4 credits each – add PH 617 to sequence
Dave Maier moved all above courses be approved as is, Marek Elzanowski seconded it – unanimously approved

Graduate School of Education

- CI 530 Teaching Struggling Adolescent Readers, 3 credits – new course
Dave Maier moved course be approved as is, Erik Bodegom seconded it – unanimously approved

School of Social Work

- MSW in Social Work – change to existing program
Dave Maier moved to approve this program after course description changed by the deletion of human subject as part of biological content, Rita Robillard seconded it – unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.