

## Graduate Council Minutes

April 22, 2009

**Present:** Beyler, Bodegom, Borgmeier, Elzanowski, Faaleava, Feyerherm, Fletcher, Gould, Jivanjee, Maier, Ostlund, Hanson, Popp

**Absent:** Everett, Harmon, Howard, LaVallee, Marshall, Mildner, Robillard

### AGENDA

#### Minutes from April 08 meeting

#### Old Business

#### Announcements

#### New Business

#### Discussion topic:

Graduate Assistantship eligibility and continuation policy

##### College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- RUS 421/521, Topics in Contemporary Russian Culture, 4cr-new course
- CH 693, Chemical & Physical Properties of Enzymes; energetics, kinetics, & mechanism of enzymatic reactions, 3cr-change, change 3credits to 4 credits

##### Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science

- ECE 435/535, Radar and Sonar Processing, 4 cr-new course
- ECE 430/530, Applications in Electromagnetics, Optic, and Acoustics, 4cr-new course
- EMT, Master of Science in Engineering and Technology Management, change course names, change required courses.

#### Minutes from April 08 meeting

*It was moved (Maier) and seconded (Fletcher) to approve the revised minutes as submitted. Five in favor, 2 abstentions, motion approved.*

##### College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- RUS 421/521, Topics in Contemporary Russian Culture, 4cr-new course *It was moved (Fletcher) and seconded (Jivanjee) to approve the course as proposed. Approved unanimously.*

##### Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science

- EMT, Master of Science in Engineering and Technology Management, change course names, change required courses. *It was moved (Gould) and seconded (Fletcher) to approve the course with recommendation that the Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science contact the School of Business to inform them of the deletion of SB classes as a requirement, SB classes now an elective, motion approved.*

After discussion the remaining courses on the agenda were returned to their respective departments for further information before they may be approved.

#### Discussion topic:

Graduate Assistantship eligibility and continuation policy:

Hanson provided an overview of the policy for eligibility of Graduate Assistants followed by the Office of Graduate Studies:

GAs must be registered for 9 credit hours per term (OUS requirement)

GAs must hold a 3.0 term GPA

GAs must hold a cumulative 3.0 GPA

Courses successfully completed hold the grade designation of A, B, and IP (in progress for thesis or project courses). Grades of I, X, W, NP do not show the student has passed the course successfully. Time frame for grade change discussed. Hanson stated that OGS looks at these case by case. Usually by the second week of the term, GAs final grades should be posted. Bodegom suggests a probation period of one term for GAs to meet the requirements for eligibility, but that department could still take action to disqualify the GA. Hanson states that University of Oregon and Oregon State University both have a probationary-period for their GAs, but also stated both schools GAs are unionized.

Using the term "Warning Status" was discussed and decided that Courtney Hanson will draft a policy statement to include the following. A GA will still be eligible to receive their appointment if they fall below the 3.0 GPA for the term, but above the 2.67 probationary university status; that they may carry one incomplete for a term (4 credit course); that the department may request four credits be UG for a foreign language course purpose; and that this is only for one term. Two terms of not meeting the GA requirements, and they will automatically lose their GAship. Extenuating circumstances will always be reviewed by OGS.

Hanson will bring this draft back to the next GC meeting, and also present it as a recommendation of the Graduate Council to the Doctoral Directors meeting at the end of the month.

Meeting adjourned 1:30