

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

CHAired BY: Chuck Wight

TIME: 3:00 PM - 5:13 PM

DATE: August 27, 2012

PLACE: 300 Park

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Barbanell, Connie Bullis, Marjorie Chan, Nan Ellin, Tim Formosa, Vladmir Hlady, Susan Johnston, Terry Kogan, Winston Kyan, Connie Madden, Robert Mayer, Sean Redmond, Jeff Stratmen, Donna White, Chuck Wight, Karen Wilcox.

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Emma Gross, Allyson Mower

FINAL AGENDA

1. Minutes

Vote: Approved Unanimously
Abstained: None
Comments: None

2. Review Process and Ad Hoc Committee Assignments

Donna White led the discussion regarding the importance of the review process for the graduate council reviews and the responsibilities for the Ad Hoc Committee assignments. The importance of reviewing and making recommendations within the graduate reviews was stressed. Terry Kogan discussed the Diversity Committee's role within the graduate council reviews.

Comments: None

3. Graduate Council Review for Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Chemistry

Eric Hinderaker presented. The Department of Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Chemistry has a long standing strength in national and international reputation. They had a facilities problem, being spread all over campus, but will be housed in the Skaggs building soon. New leadership within the department has been praised by faculty. One of four departments in the College of Pharmacy and has a PhD program. External reviewers expressed praise and concern about the ability of staff to complete their work with low funds. The students are content, there are strong placement records, and gender balance is very even with more women than men. Recommendations included the funding issues from previous reports for both faculty and graduate students, library resources, and strongly consider requiring an ethics course.

Vote: Approved Unanimously
Abstained: None
Comments: The committee made some changes to the report and approved it as amended.

4. Proposal for Environmental Humanities Education Center

Robert Newman presented. The College of Humanities established this proposed center for the International Center for Earth Concerns. The center is looking for a University to partner with. They had a partnership with the University of Montana, but were dissatisfied. This will allow students and faculty to visit the rescued location in the ghost town of Lakeview, Montana. The financial arrangement is set in place with the department. There are numerous cabins, conference center and is surrounded by preserved land. The University in general is allowed to use the facilities.

Vote: Approved Unanimously
Abstained: None
Comments: None

5. Proposal for Master of Arts in Latin American Studies

Claudio Holzner and Rebecca Horn presented. This degree works with the Department of Language and Literature's current degrees and would cater specifically for students who would like to understand the culture and language logistics of Latin America.

Vote: Approved Unanimously
Abstained: None
Comments: Would like to see a narrative regarding the faculty FTE to accurately state the faculty's FTE contribution towards this MA program. Approved as amended.

6. Proposal for Graduate Certificate in Personalized Health Care

Mike Varner, Josh Schiffman, and Brandon Welch presented. Healthcare is at a confusing time with an abundance of information available. Graduate students would be able to earn the certificate by taking several courses and tracks, the final capstone course is a final project that would allow students the opportunity to showcase how they can apply this knowledge to practice. Will be housed in the Center for Clinical and Translational Science.

Vote: Tabled without objection
Abstained: None
Comments: The proposal needs more structure and clarification for admissions, the credit hours required, revise appendices within the proposal, clarify who is responsible for advising, where the program is housed, and the formation of an advisory committee to track course changes.

7. Masters of Science in Information Systems (MSIS) Three Year Review

Chuck presented. This report is required by the Regents office. The program has twice as many students than anticipated, has received an abundance of funding to cover the high number of students and students are getting placed in good careers.

Vote: Approved Unanimously
Abstained: None
Comments: None

8. Graduate Council Review for Management

Marjorie Chan presented. The Department of Management's admissions is handled by the business school and the department has some say in the process and selection. There was a lack of information about diversity within their students than their faculty. There is a day and evening program. Facilities are adequate, they will be moving into the new business building. Faculty received high rankings from both reviewers and students. Recommendations included stronger leadership in bringing the department together, more balance between senior and junior faculty, and equitable resources for faculty.

Vote: Tabled without objection
Abstained: None
Comments: Will be amended per the committee's suggestions by Marjorie Chan and Chuck Wight.