MINUTES
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COMMITTEE

April 29, 2009

Members Present: Karen Applequist-Chair (COE), Ward Cockrum (COE), Patrick Deegan (Ex-Officio-Extended Campuses), Shona Granillo-Sub.(GSO), Michelle Harris (SBS), Anne Hart (CHHS), Tom Kolb (CEFNS), Alan Lew (SBS), Chris Lockwood (FCB), Ramona Mellott (Ex-Officio- Graduate Dean), Ishmael Munene (COE), Dieter Otte (CEFNS), Lori Pashnik (COE), Nancy Paxton (CAL), Karen Plager (CHHS), Lori Poloni-Staudinger (SBS), Richard Rogers (SBS), Beth Schuck-Sub. (Ex-Officio-Library), Nicole Walker (CAL).

Members Absent: Ernie Dubendorfer (CEFNS) Y. Evie Garcia (Ex-Officio-Graduate College), Michelle Harris (Michelle Harris (SBS), Steve Hempleman (CEFNS), Fernando Monroy (CEFNS), Donelle Ruwe (CAL).

Faculty Senate Representative: Blase Scarnati, Absent

Guests: Cindy Browder (CEFNS), Joseph Collantine (CAL), Dan Davidson (IHD), Sally Doshier (CHHS), Bruce Fox (ADM), Larry Gallagher (COE), Tabitha Graves (GSO), Kelly Harris (Health Alliance Research of Arizona), Nicole O’Grady (COE), Scott Reese (CAL), Krista Rodin (CAL), Bob Trotter (SBS/IHD), Megan Warren (CHHS), Lisa Williams (AIO).

Graduate College: Thomas Carpenter, Victoria Endres.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm. Minutes from the March 25, 2009 meeting were approved.

2. Integrated Programs: Process Update— Change in steps to approve integrated programs-See page 3, Item D.5. Dean Mellott

   SPA 516 Topics in Spanish Pedagogy (New Course).
   SPA 555 Topics in Spanish Linguistics (New Course).

   Joseph Collantine addressed the need to make changes to the teaching Spanish program. Since its inception seven years ago the curriculum has progressed to accommodate new trends. It has grown to include pedagogy and linguistics, thus the two new courses.

   Individual motions were made to approve the plan change and two new courses. These were seconded and approved.
4. Curriculum Change—Anthropology
ANT 521 Research Ethics, Community Research, and Vulnerable Populations (New Course).
ANT 522 Research Ethics in cross Cultural and International Contexts (New Course).
Bob Trotter and Kelly Harris stated the need for these two new web-based one hour courses was to fill a need in ethics training in health related research areas. Vulnerable populations including minorities, the poor, children, and prisoners are addressed in ANT 521 and international populations are the focus in ANT 522.
A motion was made to approve both classes, seconded, and approved.

5. Curriculum Change—Institute for Human Development
DIS 559 Verbal and Social Behavior of Children with Autism and other Developmental Disabilities (New Course)
Dan Davidson explained the need to upgrade the graduate certificate program in Positive Behavior by adding enhanced descriptions to the catalog text along with a new course. DIS 559 addresses the need to use verbal commands to communicate with autistic children instead of touch/object recognition as has been the case in previous years.
Individual motions were made to approve the plan change and new course, both seconded, and approved.

6. Curriculum Change—Career and Technical Education
CTE 565 Career and Technical Education Teaching Methods (New Course)
Larry Gallagher said this new course has been taught as a 599 class for three semesters with good student response. The area focus course addresses assessment polls.
A motion to approve the new course was made, seconded, and approved.

7. Curriculum Change—Nursing
M.S. in Nursing (New Plan)—Generalist Plan
Sally Doshier said the generalist nursing master’s degree was gaining popularity across the country. NAU needs to follow the trend with offering this generalists degree.
A motion to approve the new plan was made, seconded, and approved.

8. Curriculum Change—Music
MUP 511-530 (Course Change)
MUP 611-630 (Course Delete)
Krista Rodin said the courses in question are performance related, not academic.
A motion to approve the course changes was made, seconded, and approved.
9. Consent Agenda

M.Ed. in Career and Technical Education (Plan Change)
ECI 522 Secondary School Curriculum (Plan Change)
ECI 540 Teaching and Managing Secondary School Classrooms (Plan Change)
ECI 565 Evaluation of Learning: Secondary (Plan Change)
ME 520 Applied Fluid Dynamics (Course Change)—Title Change.
ME 530 Applied Thermal Analysis (Course Change)—Title Change.
ME 560 Applied Solid Mechanics (Course Change)—Title Change.
Master of Music Instrumental Performance (Plan Change)
Master of Music Piano Accompanying and Chamber Music (Plan Change)
Master of Music Suzuki Violin/Viola (Plan Change)
Master of Music Vocal Performance (Plan Change)

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made, seconded, and approved minus three tabled items ECI 522, ECI 540, and 565.

10. GSO Report

Shona Granillo and Tabitha Graves presented GSO suggestions to the UGC members. After the standing request for full tuition remission and keeping tuition low the following ideas were presented:

- Remove cancelation quotas on class size of required courses.
- Graduate student representation on all departmental and college curriculum committees.
- Waiving pre-requisites for graduate students taking undergraduate classes.
- Posting of course offerings ahead of time so students can better plan schedules.
- The need for an ombudsman for graduate students.
- Better communication between departments and financial aid regarding GA and TA awards.
- Better promotion of interdisciplinary curriculum.
- Creation of a faculty development program.
- Free passes to use the future recreation center since they are paying for it.
11. Integrated Program Proposal

Forestry

Tom Kolb announced the new Forestry integrated program would include only the Master of Forestry degree, not the Master of Science degree. A GPA of 3.5 or higher in forestry baccalaureate classes will be required at the junior level to qualify for program entry.

A motion was made to approve the new integrated program, seconded, and approved.

12. Review of Certificate in Early Intervention

Karen Applequist said this certificate program was cancelled due to low enrollment.

13. Bylaws

Starting with Article 5, Section 2 the group progressed to make changes to suggested areas until the document was complete. There was a sigh of relief since the creation of the UGC Bylaws was a major undertaking this academic year.

A motion was made to approve the new bylaws as amended, seconded, and approved.


Ramona thanked everyone for their year of service on the University Graduate Committee. She was especially grateful to those who served on a record number of dissertation defenses this spring semester. Ramona read a list of items intended for discussion or resolution this year penned by the group at the September meeting. It was a year of accomplishments with new faces present at the meetings.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:55PM.

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