

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

CHAired BY: Chuck Wight

TIME: 3:00 PM

DATE: September 24, 2012

PLACE: 300 Park

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Bromley, Connie Bullis, Marjore Chan, Nan Ellin, Tim Formosa, Emma Gross, Vladimir Hlady, Susan Johnston, Terry Kogan, Winston Kyan, Robert Mayer, Allyson Mower, Jeff Stratman, Donna White, Chuck Wight, Karen Wilcox

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Ed Barbanell, Connie Madden, Sean Redmond

FINAL AGENDA

1. Minutes

Vote: Approved Unanimously
Abstained: None
Comments: None

2. Student Course Feedback Committee

Connie Bullis has volunteered to serve on this committee on behalf of the Graduate Council.

Comments: None

3. Faculty Consultation on R-401 Proposals

Chuck Wight led a discussion regarding the need for future R-401 proposals to include information about how the departmental faculty were informed about the proposal.

Comments: None

4. Revised Ad Hoc Committee Assignments

The Ad Hoc Committee assignments have been revised.

Comments: None

5. Proposal for Masters of Entertainment Arts and Engineering; Joint MEAE and MFA

Roger Altizer, Corrinne Lewis, and Robert Kessler presented. The Entertainment Arts and Engineering program is an interdisciplinary program where art and engineering and computer science meet video games, special effects, etc. Started in 2007 to create an undergraduate degree emphasis. There have been lots of successes, career potential has been great, ranked 3rd in the nation just under MIT.

Vote: Approved with modifications
Abstained: None
Comments: Letter of support from Library and Dean Tymas-Jones. Minor proposal modifications needed.

6. Proposal for Graduate Certificate in Personalized Health Care

Mike Varner, Brandon Welch, and Joshua Schiffman presented. The updated proposal included clarification about the admissions process for the program, where the program will be housed, and additional letters of support were supplied.

Vote: Approved
Abstained: None
Comments: Approved as amended.

7. Proposal for Graduate Emphases in the Nurse Practitioner Program

Dianne Fuller presented. The Nurse Practitioner program has three emphases and is calling for two more emphases that blend two current emphases together.

Vote: Approved as Amended.
Abstained: None
Comments: The proposal should work on renaming the proposed emphases.

8. Graduate Council Review for Management

Marjorie Chan presented. The review has been modified since the previous meeting.

Vote: Approved
Abstained: None
Comments: None

9. Graduate Council Review for the School of Accounting

Allyson Mower presented. They have a very strong Master of Accounting program and a rapidly rising research program. The School of Accounting has low diversity and should be investigated further.

Vote: Tabled
Abstained: None
Comments: None

10. Graduate Council Review for Pharmacology and Toxicology

Jeff Stratman presented. The department is part of the College of Pharmacy, developed by merger with the School of Medicine. They have a popular undergraduate course, but no undergraduate degree. The number of faculty has decreased since 2004 and are expecting further decrease due to retirement. Research productivity and grant funding have been good, but there is concern that the department relies too much on grant funding to keep their department functioning. The chair will be retiring in 2014, but no plan is in place. The graduate training program is rigorous and successful. The new research space will greatly improve working conditions and provide consolidation for faculty. Faculty diversity has increased since the last review. The department should address the marketing to students since there is no natural feeder.

Vote: Approved as Amended
Abstained: None
Comments: None