

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

CHAired BY: David Kieda

TIME: 3:00 pm

DATE: November 28, 2016

PLACE: SMBB/USTAR 2660

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Stringham, Joanna Bettmann Schaefer, Jeffrey Moore, Chuck Hansen, Richard Paine, Isabel Dulfano, Derek Caperton

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Kieda, Katharine Ullman

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Ryan Smith, Arul Mishra, Bryan Trump, Audrey Thompson, Lien Shen, Julie Wambaugh, Laura Kessler, Linda St. Clair, Cedric Feschotte, Kristin Cloyes, Mingnan Chen, Valeria Molinero

***note: quorum was reached via email following the meeting.**

AGENDA

1. Welcome

David Kieda of the Graduate School welcomed the Graduate Council.

2. Proposal: Certificate in Engineering Entrepreneurship

Gianluca Lazzi and Richard Brown of the College of Engineering and Todd Zenger of the Business School presented the Certificate in Organizational Leadership. All Council questions were answered by Doctors Lazzi, Brown, and Zenger.

Vote: approve the proposal with amendments; unanimous

Abstained:

Comments: The Council discussed whether it was advantageous list the equivalent courses that would be allowed as substitutions for the law course in the program. Consensus was to add “or equivalent approved course” to the law course listing and name the equivalent courses as an example, potentially in the narrative. The Council also requested a MOU for joint-taught courses.

3. Proposal: Certificate in Organizational Leadership & Emphasis in Organizational Leadership

Barbara Wilson and Pam Hardin of the College of Nursing presented the Certificate in Organizational Leadership and Emphasis in Organizational Leadership. All Council questions were answered by Doctors Wilson and Hardin.

Vote: approve the proposal with amendments; unanimous

Abstained:

Comments: The Council discussed the relationship of the program with the Business School. Concern was raised that there might be some disagreement or disconnect between the Schools regarding the program. The Council resolved that a Letter of Support from the Business School would help resolve any potential curricular overlap. The Council also requested a Letter of Support from the College Dean.

4. Proposal: Public History Certificate

Erick Hinderaker and Gregory Smoak of the History Department presented the Public History Certificate. All questions of the Council were answered by Doctors Hinderaker and Smoak.

Vote: approve; unanimous
Abstained:

5. Review: Theatre Department

Richard Paine of Social and Behavioral Science presented the program review of the Theatre Department.

Vote: approve with amendments; unanimous
Abstained:

Comments: The Council suggested rewording the first recommendation so that the immediate problems with the facilities in the Theatre Department are addressed first, and separating the recommendation to explore the creation of new facilities into a second recommendation. A further recommendation was suggested related to student advising. The Council also suggested restructuring the commendations by moving the commendation of the department chair's achievements be moved and adding a commendation of the faculty's accomplishments.

6. Information Item: Changes to the Redbook for Program Reviews

Minor changes are being made to clarify the policies for program reviews in the Redbook. One important change is that going forward, self-studies and reviews will be asked to report on postdoctoral fellows as well as students and faculty.

7. New Business: FLSA policy

The FLSA policy regarding overtime and research pay has been put on hold by a federal judge. This policy mandated a pay increase for workers under a certain threshold of pay. Postdoctoral fellows are most affected by this on campus, as under the new law they would have been eligible to receive a pay raise and/or opportunity for overtime reimbursement. The stay of the law may affect postdoctoral fellows' morale, and faculty and administrators are encouraged to be supportive while the legal question is addressed by the federal court.

Time of Adjournment 5:00pm.

The next Council meeting will be January 30, 2017 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm in the Winder Boardroom.