



GRADUATE COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held on February 11, 2010

Present: Dean Vogelsang-Coombs, Professors Bathala, Ingersoll, Loovis, Gatica, Sridhar, Holcomb, Doerder, Rudd, Spicer, Jeffres, Delgado, Thornton, Jeffers

Absent/Excused: Professors Medina-Rivera, Klinger, Appan, Weinstein, Vaughn, Chieh-Chen Bowen, Kosteas

Guests: Vice President George Walker, Professors Dan Simon/Wenbing Zhao (Electrical & Computer Engineering), Katy Glenn/Dr. Lih-Chin Chen Wang/Dr. Corrigan (COEHS), Dr. Heidi Robertson (Law), William Bowen (Urban Studies)

Dean Vogelsang-Coombs called the meeting to order and established time frames for each Agenda item.

1. Approval of December 7, 2009 Minutes. The Council approved the minutes as written.

2. Dr. Walker Remarks

- ❖ A new Associate Vice President for Research will be announced soon who is a long-time senior faculty member and scholar from Cleveland State University.
- ❖ A Research Challenge Committee will be established, consisting of faculty and administrators (10-15) that will help with University roadblocks to the scholarly environment.
- ❖ There are challenges with technology transfer and the patent process. Dr. Walker would also like to work with Student Government in this process.
- ❖ Faculty will become involved mentoring other faculty members “new” to the grant/research process.
- ❖ The Carnegie reviews of graduate programs supplement the typical program reviews. This involves working with graduate students and faculty together to see how to improve the *learning environment* in graduate programs to help graduate students be more effective in their development.
- ❖ How can CSU establish a Center for Developing Excellence in Scholarly Writing for graduate students? This would involve writing grants, professional writing in various disciplines, and pursuing external fellowships for graduate students. This would help faculty as well as graduate students develop writing skills and bring in resources to the University.
- ❖ Research Council will be making an announcement within 2 weeks concerning faculty fellowships.

3. Dean's Remarks

- ❖ Dean Coombs and Associate Dean Jeffers have moved to the third floor of Parker Hannifin Hall.
- ❖ Interim Provost Mearns will have a standing invitation to address Council meetings.
- ❖ Marketing would like 5 graduate student volunteers for photos for our web site.
- ❖ The Council of Graduate Schools 2010 Awards have been announced. Contact us with your nominations.
- ❖ Electronic balloting will be used for the Graduate Council spring election process.

4. New Business

- a. New program—Chinese Language Teaching Licensure (COEHS)
 - ❖ This is a 14-month program modeled on the MUST (Master of Urban Secondary Teaching) program.
 - ❖ EST 598 Student Teaching: Foreign Language-Chinese is a new course.
 - ❖ Graduate Council approved the proposal.
- b. Program Development Plan-Master of Legal Studies (MLS)
 - ❖ This proposal is for those from various non-law disciplines that are interested in the law and how it interacts with their own discipline. This is not a law degree and is not intended to be.
 - ❖ The acronym MLS may be an issue since MLS is commonly understood as Library Science.
 - ❖ Graduate Council approved the proposal.
- c. M.S. in Computer Engineering
 - i. Thesis option, 30 credits
 - ii. Non-thesis option, 32 credits
 - ❖ Council questions and discussion included CIS course involvement, reasons for a separate degree rather than a M.S. in Computer and Electrical Engineering, and thesis versus non-thesis options.
 - ❖ The proposal was approved with 2 requested changes: 1) The naming of a Program Director and 2) the removal of the admissions requirement for accepting students in which “the undergraduate degree was awarded by an unaccredited program.” Professor Simon will re-submit the proposal with these two changes.

- d. Proposed changes to the Graduate College regulations – transfer of earned credits (Master’s/J.D. to the Ph.D. level - Urban)

Proposed change to differentiate between master’s & doctoral programs:

A student who has earned either a master’s or Juris Doctor degree at Cleveland State University may apply toward a subsequent ~~master’s~~ degree a maximum of ten (10) credits of graduate or law school course work earned toward the first degree under the following conditions:

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Conditions 1, 2, and 3 remain unchanged.

A student who has earned either a master’s or Juris Doctor degree at Cleveland State University may not exceed more than 1/3 of the total credits ~~toward a subsequent doctoral degree, of~~ graduate or law school course work earned toward the first degree under the following conditions:

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Conditions 1, 2, & 3 remain unchanged.

Condition #4. Pre-requisite courses for a doctoral program are excluded.

- ❖ The proposal was to apply a maximum of 24 previously-earned credits from a CSU Master’s or J.D. degree to a Ph.D. for CSU graduate students.
- ❖ A substitute amendment was proposed to make a rule to apply to all graduate programs. The version keeps the existing regulation of “a maximum of ten credits of graduate or law school course work earned toward the first degree may apply toward a subsequent advanced degree” to apply **specifically** to Master’s programs. The second part of the amended version lists a maximum of 1/3 credits that can be applied, with the 3 existing conditions, adding a fourth condition “Pre-requisite courses for a doctoral program are excluded.”
- ❖ A motion was made for the amended proposal listing the current regulation to be applied to Master’s degree students only and the new proposal stating “students may transfer credits not exceeding 1/3 of the total required credit hours toward a subsequent doctoral degree.” Each included the current 3 conditions and the addition of the fourth condition.
- ❖ The motion was withdrawn in order to consult with other doctoral programs about the proposal.

- e. Proposed changes to the MPA specializations (Urban)

- ❖ Minor program changes were presented to Council for informational purposes. These changes involved deleting and adding elective and required courses to the 6 separate specializations within the Master of Public Administration degree to bring the program in line with accreditation requirements and to reflect trends in the profession.

7. Committee Reports:

a. Faculty Senate

- i. The History department revisions were approved
- ii. The M.A./M.S. in Mathematics revisions were approved

b. University Admissions & Standards – No report**c. College of Graduate Studies Admissions & Standards**

- i. The document on guidelines for cross-listed courses has been approved by UCC and is ready for the next step. Council suggested sending this document to department chairs, graduate program directors and associate deans.

d. University Curriculum Committee - No issues to report.**e. Graduate Faculty Review Committee – The deadline is February 16 for the spring.****f. Petitions Committee**

- i. December had 16 petitions; one was returned for more information.
- ii. January had 33 petitions; six returned for more information.

g. Grade Dispute Committee – No report.**h. Program Review Committee - No report.****i. University Research Council Committee**

- i. There will be two opportunities coming soon for faculty to apply for funding.

8. Announcements/Applause

- CGS 2010 Competitions Announced: Gustave O. Arlt Award and the CGS/UMI Distinguished Dissertation Awards were distributed.
- Dr. Thornton shared that 16,000 theses and dissertations have been downloaded from the CSU library in 2009 from 72 countries.
- Cleveland State University's Chemical Dependency Counseling program just had its site visit and is the first program in Ohio to be fully accredited.
- Dr. Spicer's book In Defense of Politics in Public Administration was published.
- One of Dr. Sridhar's graduate students just had a paper accepted to a conference in Sweden.

9. Next Meeting: The next Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 200 of Parker-Hannifin Hall.**10. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.