



## GRADUATE COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting Held September 17, 2015

*Present:* Interim Dean Schultheiss, Professors Jayanti, Deng, Sparks, Hansman, Plecnik, Marino, Regoeczi, Adluri, Delgado, Kaufman, Kondratov, Goodman

*Absent/Excused:* Professors Sridhar, Duffy, Zingale, Xu, Thornton

*Guests:* Professors Erika Guiffre, Elliott Ingersoll

Dean Schultheiss called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

1. New members were welcomed and around the table everyone introduced themselves.
2. **Approve Agenda** – The meeting Agenda was **approved**.
3. **Approve minutes from May 4, 2015 meeting** - The minutes were **approved** as written with one abstention.
4. **New Business**
  - ❖ DPT request for long term exemptions to Level 1 and Level 2 graduate faculty status instructors for clinical courses DPT 681, 683, 785, 887, 686,786, 788, 886, and 888—Dr. Guiffre gave a short summary of the proposal. Clinical faculty have been hired to teach and supervise clinical courses (internships). These faculty will or have been qualified for Level 3 graduate faculty status.
    - i. Council members' comments included:
      - Clarifying the DPT is a clinical, not research-based, degree
      - Clarifying the length of a 'long term' request (5 years)
      - Asking for a long term instead of a short term exemption will not provide for the hiring of Ph.D. research faculty; Dr. Guiffre answered that the program is fully in compliance with its accrediting body and that these courses are better served with clinical faculty; however, Ph.D. faculty could also teach them
      - With the current 3-tiered graduate faculty system, it does not provide for those clinical degree programs with 600-800 numbered, clinical courses being taught by Level 3 practitioner graduate faculty
      - Re-numbering these courses to 500-level is not feasible due to the correct numbering of doctoral courses and the logical developmental sequence of courses for the DPT students
      - A suggestion was made to revise the language for graduate faculty status that exemptions are made for clinical courses/programs.
      - A Council member stated that the requirements from the accrediting board should carry more weight than Council's input. The accrediting agency's requirement is that 50% of the faculty in the program are research faculty.

- ii. **A motion was made to approve the DPT request, which passed unanimously.**
  - iii. Dr. Schultheiss will bring draft language to review the requirements for exemptions and clinical courses to the next Council meeting.
- ❖ Education (CASAL) proposal, Counseling Specialization Program course re-numbering from 600 to 500-level for CNS 604, 611, 617, 624, 629 and 678—Dr. Ingersoll summarized the request. The department’s basic reasoning for the change includes: 1) no difference in state funding for 500 and 600-level courses but rather for Master’s vs. Doctoral courses, 2) these courses are taken by mainly non-degree students, and 3) 500-level courses can be taught by adjunct faculty with at least a Level 3 graduate faculty status.
- i. The Registrar, Kevin Neal, asked if any of the courses are pre-requisites for other courses. Dr. Ingersoll confirmed that CNS 617 (new course CNS 517) and CNS 678 (new course CNS 578) are pre-reqs for CNS 680 and CNS 679, respectively. Kevin asked that the proposal include that information so the Catalog and scheduling system will be correct and verified that the course number is the only change to the courses and that these courses themselves are not pre-reqs for any other course.
  - ii. The additional sentences can be submitted to the Graduate College before the proposal is forwarded to UCC. Kevin clarified that the changes would not be implemented mid-catalog year but would take effect Fall 2016.
  - iii. **A motion was made to approve the Education proposal which passed unanimously.**

## 5. Graduate Council Representation & Standing Committees – Available reports

- a. Faculty Senate
  - There was some discussion and displeasure that Senate is being used mostly to deliver administrative reports and information rather than be a deliberative body.
- b. University Admissions & Standards – no report
- c. University Curriculum Committee
  - The M.A. in Sociology suspension, the Art History suspension, and the Chemical Dependency revisions proposals were approved
  - The BGES GIS courses proposal was sent back
  - The Committee is considering the development of a campus-wide course syllabus template
  - Program alteration procedures (revisions to the Curricular Change Form) are being clarified so that all required paperwork is submitted so as to not delay proposals; once the draft memo is finalized, Graduate College would like a copy
  - A Council member asked about the suspension of the M.A. in Philosophy that Council did not approve last academic year. The proposal has been stalled at the Graduate Council level in the online curricular system, per Dr. Zhu’s instructions in May. The proposal has not been to UCC. The proposal will be ‘rejected’ in the online system which will return it to the department.
- d. Graduate Faculty Review Committee
  - The Committee submitted its recommendations for the Summer 2015 applicants.
  - The eight applications were **approved**, with three additional Law applicants not acted on without revised Guidelines.
  - Professor Plecnik provided an update on the Law Guidelines. Law faculty concerns include exceptions to the criteria for Clinical and Legal Writing faculty.

- **A motion was made to approve the Committee's recommendations, which passed unanimously.**
- e. Petitions Committee
  - Over 30 petitions were received since last May
  - A suggestion has been made to have at least one meeting in the summer because of the large number of petitions that come during that time period
- f. Grade Dispute Committee – two disputes are currently pending
- g. Program Review Committee – no report
- h. University Research Council – Dr. Delgado agreed to continue to serve

**6. Announcements**

- ❖ Dr. Schultheiss shared information about the University Pathway to 2020 initiative and the Graduate College connection to graduate enrollment and retention
- ❖ The Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study (RACGS) has changed its name to the Chancellor's Council on Graduate Studies (CCGS)
- ❖ The Graduate Faculty Review Committee will be looking at the issue of a revised book being used for status renewal.
- ❖ Data has been pulled showing graduate courses not staffed by faculty with graduate faculty status.
- ❖ A reminder that the Graduate Student Awards deadline is October 9

**7. Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be **Monday, October 19 @ 2:00 p.m in PH 103.**

**8. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.