

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

February 11, 2009

3:30 p.m.

Present: Dr. Donna Luse (Chair), Dr. Jack Palmer, Dr. Ron Hill, Dr. Bob Cage, Dr. Johanna Boulton, Dr. Rob Hanser, Dr. Laurie Babin, Dr. Julie Guernsey-Shaw, Dr. Paul Sylvester, Dr. Kim Marie Tolson, Dr. Thomas Hodge, Dr. Lisa Colvin [ex officio], Dr. Mark Doherty (Secretary)

The meeting came to order at 3:30 p.m.

I. Graduate Faculty Recommendations

Member

Dipanwita Sarkar, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Economics was approved for member of the Graduate Faculty.

Associate Member

Parish, Roy C., Pharm.D., Professor of Clinical and Administrative Sciences was approved for associate membership of the Graduate Faculty.

II. Curriculum Proposals

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES requests:

Presenter:	Dr. Sandra Hill
Action:	The proposal would change course title, ENGL 526 in the Graduate Catalog.
Current Description: 526. COMPRESSED VIDEO SEMINAR. 3 cr. Maximum, 9 cr. Graduate courses with variable content offered each semester through the Collaborative Agreement.	
Proposed Description: 526. E-Seminar. 3 cr. Maximum 9 cr. Graduate courses with variable content offered each semester through the Collaborative Agreement.	
Credit Hours:	3
Level: Graduate	
Activity Type:	
Maximum Hours To Be Earned:	
Cross-Listed:	
Change	

Effective:	
First Term Offered:	
Last Term Offered:	
Offered Fixed/Variable:	
Variable Range:	
Abbreviated Course Title:	
UGC Decision:	Approved
Notes:	<i>Found on page 122 of current Graduate catalog</i>

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES requests:

Presenter:	Dr. Carl Thameling
Action:	The proposal would combine CMST 304 and CMST 504 into one course, CMST 404, in the Graduate Catalog.
<p>Current Description: 504. INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION. 3 cr. The study of recent research and theory of intercultural communication examining cross-cultural perspectives on such research issues as language, training, intercultural communication competence, and related issues. Prerequisite: 101 or 118 or consent of instructor.</p>	
<p>Proposed Description: 404. INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION. 3cr. International perspective on communication between members of different cultures. Verbal and nonverbal code systems, social organization patterns, values, and belief systems examined as they impact the sharing of meaning. Special attention given to Health Care, Business, and Education contexts. Prerequisite: Communication Studies 101, or 118, or permission of instructor. May not be used as a substitute for a foreign language.</p>	
Credit Hours:	3
Level: Graduate	
Activity Type:	
Maximum Hours To Be Earned:	
Cross-Listed:	
Change Effective:	
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Variable Range:	
Abbreviated Course Title:	
UGC Decision:	Approved
Notes:	<i>Found on page 106 of current Graduate catalog</i>

III. Student Appeals

The appeal from Mary Ellen Cannon for a time extension to complete the Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership (College of Education and Human Development) was tabled.

The appeal from Sharon Sue Moore for a time extension to complete the Master of Music degree in Music (College of Arts and Sciences) was approved.

IV. Miscellaneous

Dr. Lisa Colvin requested that Graduate Council members review the by-laws and turn any changes into the Graduate Office by Monday (midnight).

Dr. Eric Pani, Associate Provost discussed the need for requiring higher-level learning goals for graduate students and a related graduate-level assessment system for each 400-level dual enrolled graduate course. All 400-level dual enrolled classes need to have two syllabi for each class—one for the graduate students and one for the undergraduate students. By March 1, 2009, new graduate syllabi for all 400-level dual enrolled courses must be submitted to the Provost’s office that indicate the higher-level learning goals for graduate students. Programs planning to remove dual-listed courses should provide an explanatory letter to the Provost’s office by March 1, 2009, detailing those courses that are in the process of being removed; revised syllabi will not have to be submitted for those courses to be removed.

The Graduate Council reviewed an official policy document drafted by Dr. Pani for dual-listed, graduate and professional course syllabi. Retroactive dual-listed courses will not fall under this policy, but courses beginning in Maymester 2009 and beyond will be required to have a graduate-level syllabus in addition to the undergraduate-level syllabus. After making a few adjustments in the policy wording, the Council unanimously approved recommending that the proposed policy document (see attachment) be submitted to Lisa Colvin, Interim Graduate Dean, to submit to Provost Richters for implementation.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Mark Doherty
Graduate Council Secretary