

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 12, 2005

Approved: November 30, 2005

Present: Tom Blume, Lisa Hawley, Krzystof Kobus, Mildred Merz, Claire Rammel, Darlene Schott-Baer, Meir Shillor, Kris Thompson

Absent: Mohinder Parkash, David Downing, Joseph Shively, Lorenzo Smith

Staff: Julie Delaney, Lynette Folken

Call to Order

The meeting was convened at 2:12 p. m. by Darlene Schott-Baer, Vice Chair

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The MOTION to approve the minutes of April 20,2005 and September 28, 2005 was made, Second and Passed, unanimously.

II. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Claire Rammel reported that the Master of Science in Safety Management (MSSM) proposal was proceeding towards Senate. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree and the Ph.D. in Music Education are in Senate subcommittees. The Post-Master's Certificates in Local Government Management and Nonprofit Organization and Management approved by Graduate Council at the end of Winter 2005 semester should appear on the Senate agenda as information items, in the near future.

Sheryl Klemanski started her review of the Ph.D. in Music Education budget. New program budgets are built on new student numbers; however, the Ph.D. proposal shows Year 1 with 8 new students when, in fact, existing students are being moved forward in the pipeline. The issue of course delivery by another unit (SEHS) was raised, as well as the question on how to present "interdisciplinary" information in a budget. Darlene Schott-Baer stated she would like to have a standard format for new program budgets. Ms. Rammel suggested inviting Tom LeMarbe and Sheryl Klemanski to a Graduate Council meeting, to address the question of what they are looking for when examining a budget proposal. Ms. Schott-Baer expressed dissatisfaction with the template, as well as the fact that there are no instructions/directions associated with it.

Conversation ensued regarding the fact that departments are not receiving the new program funds after the submitted budgets are approved, and the new programs are initiated. Kris Thompson pointed out that Graduate Council is approving (or not approving) new programs based on faculty load and whether or not the programs will require new faculty, but once the program is approved with a budget request for new faculty, the funding is not forthcoming. Ms. Rammel suggested that the Council look at new programs approved over the last two years to see if the requested new funds were received. Ms. Schott-Baer suggested the review should cover the last three years. Ms. Thompson wondered whether budgets recommended by Graduate Council reflect what the Senate is looking for and asked if both budgets should be identical.

Dual Enrollment Update

Clair Rammel reported that representatives from Oregon State University (OSU) will meet with the OU and Macomb Community College joint steering committees. OSU is now entering its 6th year of delivering dual enrollment. During those six years, their program has successfully expanded to include several different partnerships.

Ms. Rammel explained the positive benefits of dual enrollment, particularly in the financial aid area. The Dual Enrollment program is designed to allow qualified students concurrent access to Oakland University and Macomb Community College. Dual enrollment students can attend classes (including on-line courses) at either institution, use financial aid at both schools, and have the option of using facilities and services at either campus.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Department of History Graduate Program Review

Darlene Schott-Baer stated that Graduate Council has been asked to critique an outside review of the History department's graduate program, as well as the department's written response and to provide suggestions to the Provost by February. After much discussion regarding the extensive use of cross listed 300- and 500-level courses, it was decided to continue deliberation at the next Council meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p. m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2005.