

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES, Meeting 375

7 December 2007

2:00 p.m., 177B Administration Building

PRESENT: D. Arant (UNIV), L. Bennett (CAS), R. Cox (ESCI, proxy L. Bennett), C. Danehower (FCBE), R. Koch (NURS), C. Langstraat (ACCT), M. Logan (CCFA), C. Menifield (PADM), D. Patterson (JDST), H. Perkins (ICL), E. Perry (Faculty Senate), E. Rakow (COE), L. Schranze (MUSIC), D. Sherrell (MKTG), S. Slack (ENGR), N. Wallace (ART), D. Wark (AUSP), E. Watson (GSA), L. Weiss (HSS), C. Williams (ENTH); J. Brownlee (Graduate School)

ABSENT: K. Weddle-West (VPGS), B. Park (Libraries),

GUESTS: R. Homayouni (BINF), D. Larsen (ESCI), M. Levy (MPH), J. Thomas (NURS), D. Richards (POLS)

In the absence of Dr. Weddle-West, C. Danehower called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm.

375.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting 374 (11/2/07)

L. Bennett moved (2/M. Logan) that the minutes of Meeting 374 be approved. The motion was carried by voice vote.

375.2 Announcements

375.2.1 School of Public Health: C. Danehower announced that the School has been approved by TBR.

375.3 Old Business

375.3.1 Study Abroad Programs: Announcement is being revised to include graduate students.

375.3.2 Master's Enrollment (figures provided by OIR)

375.4 New Business: 2008-2009 Curricular Revisions

375.4.1 College of Arts and Sciences: L. Bennett provided an overview of the changes in this college. Highlights include:

R. Homayouni explained that BINF reduced the number of prerequisites and did a general clean-up of the program description. The main change is to give students an option between writing a thesis and completing a master's project. The new master's project course will be numbered 799_.

English proposed deleting the Creative Writing concentration in the MA program, since students prefer the MFA in Creative Writing. Wording in the

PhD program description has been changed from “literature” to “textual studies.” E. Rakow moved (2/D. Sherrell) to table the number of hours that can be applied to the MFA from another program. The motion was carried by voice vote. No objections were raised to course proposals.

History proposed accepting thesis hours into the PhD program; this was tabled and will be addressed at a Directors Meeting. HIST 7991-8991, Independent Readings, needs to state a max repeat. No other objections were raised to course proposals.

PADM requested a new course (7643, Seminar in Nonprofit Administration and Philanthropy), but it had not been discussed with other departments and during the meeting it transpired that it was actually replacing 6227(Issues in Nonprofit Administration), which was being closed out. Therefore, the Council decided to table PADM 7643 until the Directors had a chance to view the syllabus.

POLS requested a new statistics course. D. Richards explained the need for a statistics course specific to political science, noting that POLS 6101 is basically an undergraduate course. In the interest of quality control, they propose requiring students take the new course, POLS 7101 that is more rigorous than 6101 was.

Public Health revised its program description to comply with their accrediting agency’s requirements. This included the creation of five new courses. However, three of these courses elicited a great deal of discussion and two (PUBH 7150 and PUBH 7170) were tabled.

R. Koch moved (2/L. Weiss) that, except for the items tabled, the remainder of the curricular revisions from the College of Arts and Sciences be approved. The motion was carried by voice vote.

375.4.2 Fogelman College of Business and Economics: D. Sherrell introduced the changes. At the college level, the changes mainly clarify the MBA format. In Accountancy, two courses were revised and some changes made to Program Requirements. Economics modified the number of required courses and electives, closed out one course, and added a new course. MIS changed the description of MIS7070, making it more appropriate as a prerequisite for the MSBA. It is no longer a prerequisite for the MBA. E. Rakow moved (2/R. Koch) that the curricular revisions from the Fogelman College of Business be approved. The motion was carried by voice vote.

375.4.3 College of Communication and Fine Arts: M. Logan introduced the changes. The program description for the MArch has been rewritten, Communication and Journalism revised their comprehensive examination requirements, Journalism added acceptance of a scholarly paper or presentation as a graduation requirement, and Music revised the DMA research project requirement. However this last revision was tabled, as was a performance certificate. There were no objections to the course revisions. D. Sherrell moved (2/E. Rakow) that CCFA’s curricular revisions be approved, with the exception of the tabled items. The motion was carried by voice vote.

375.4.4 College of Education: E. Rakow distributed new revisions resulting from questions raised at the directors’ triage meeting (held 11/7/07) and went over them, since the Council had not had an opportunity to see them earlier.

The college is no longer requiring the GRE for entrance into the MAT program, since the state requires several other standardized tests that are more appropriate measures of incoming student's abilities and knowledge. ICL has also identified level I and II courses. Different numbers will be given to the two new Health and Sport Sciences courses, since the numbers provided fall in the department's Special Topics range. D. Wark moved (2/D. Arant) that Education's curricular revisions be approved. The motion was carried by voice vote.

375.4.5 Herff College of Engineering: S. Slack introduced the college's changes and asked C. Williams to go over the modifications in the program description of the Applied Lead Leadership certificate. There being no discussion, L. Weiss moved (2/C. Langstraat) that Engineering's curricular revisions be approved. The motion was carried by voice vote.

375.4.6 School of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology: D. Wark explained that the MA in Audiology had not been offered in several years, so they were requesting termination of the degree. As part of this, they wish to close out a number of 7000 cognates of 8000 courses; however, they withdrew to request to close out the thesis course. L. Weiss moved (2/E. Rakow) that AUSP's curricular revisions be approved, with the exception of closing out AUSP 7996, Thesis. The motion was carried by voice vote.

375.4.7 Lowenberg School of Nursing: J. Thomas distributed proposals for a new concentration in Executive Leadership within the existing MSN degree, which had been revised following a meeting earlier in the week, and explained the new concentration. However, there was a good deal of unhappiness among the Council members, some of whom felt they had not been adequately included in the creation of the concentration, and nearly all of whom objected to not having any time to review the proposal before the meeting. It was decided to table this proposal until 2 pm on 13 December, at which time the Council will meet again.

375.4.8 University College—No changes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Hurley, MA