

Graduate Council Meeting
March 17, 2006
Approved Minutes

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Faculty Members Present: D. Cannon, C. Grapczynski, M. Luttenton, J. Ray, B. Reinken, D. Ross, B. Rudolph, P. Stow-Bolea, R. Wilson

Absent: C. Coviak, N. Mack, P. Parker

Elected Student Members Present: M. Kundrat

Absent: C. Daly

Ex-Officio Student Members Present: M. Jones, R. Stern

Administrative Ex-Officio Members Present: C. Bajema, B. Cole, I. Fountain, S. Lipnicki

Absent: N. Giardina, T. James-Heer, P. Kimboko, W. Widmaier

I. Call to Order

R. Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:36 AM.

II. Approval of Agenda

Action: J. Ray moved to approve the agenda. B. Rudolph seconded. Agenda approved.

III. Minutes of February 17, 2006

Action: B. Rudolph moved to approve the Graduate Council minutes of February 17, 2006. C. Grapczynski seconded. Minutes approved.

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IV. Report of Chair

In C. Coviak's absence, R. Wilson reported that the course renumbering proposal went forward to UAS/ECS. ECS is addressing it today.

V. Report of the Dean

There was no report due to P. Kimboko's absence.

VI. Curriculum Subcommittee Report

B. Reinken asked C. Grapczynski to speak on her behalf. The March 3 GC-CC minutes reflect approval of the program change for the MA in Reading and Language Arts. Some modifications were made to EDR 685.

Comment [P1]: So we don't need to indicate why Cynthia spoke for Barb.

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Action: C. Grapczynski moved to approve the March 3 GC-CC minutes with changes.

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B. Rudolph seconded. Motion passed.

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The March 15 GC-CC minutes reflect a request to drop the Hearing Impaired program.

Action: C. Grapczynski moved to approve the March 15 GC-CC minutes. B. Rudolph seconded. Motion passed.

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VII. Report of Policy Subcommittee

M. Luttenton provided the report. The GC-PC met on March 3. At the meeting, Julie Guevara provided input regarding the certificate policy proposal and issues regarding NCATE accreditation. The certificate policy will include these issues as well as other comments made by those who reviewed it. The GC-PC is meeting today and will discuss standards for thesis.

VIII. Report from GPSA

R. Stern reported that the March-April newsletter is available. GPSA is focusing its efforts on the end of year graduation celebration being held on April 21. The graduate dean citations will be presented at that event. She asked that GC members help advertise the event and forward the newsletter to students.

R. Stern commented on the changes to the bylaws. She noted that student membership will now go through GPSA rather than the Student Senate. She will need assistance planning out how this procedure would be carried out.

IX. Other Reports

J. Ray reported that the Retention Task Force met Wednesday. P. Parker has also attended the meetings.

X. New Business

The GC discussed the proposed bylaws changes. Some discrepancies in the existing bylaws were mentioned.

Under 4.7.1., Faculty membership, it states "at least one member of the Graduate Council will serve as a representative to the UCC." The member should be ex-officio.

4.7.2., was changed to state that GPSA would now select grad student representatives to the Graduate Council.

R. Wilson inquired as to whether or not GC has the authority to take this responsibility from the Student Senate. It was agreed that GC does have the authority as using the Student Senate was this body's idea, and the UAS approved the bylaws as they were written before, so there should not be a problem now.

The GC discussed whether the bylaws should include guidelines on selecting student representatives. GPSA should decide how to choose the representative. If GPSA loses leadership, then the elections will fall back to the Student Senate.

4.7.5., several changes were made to the bylaws.

Under #1, the sentence “Recommendations for proposals and requests approved by the GC will be returned to the UCC for final review and approval” was removed.

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Under #2, the first word, “course” should read “curriculum.”

#3 is new text and lays out what documents would go through GC-CC. Prospecti, final plans, program changes, and any denials by the subcommittee would come to the committee of the whole. “Course changes” had been included but B. Reinken pointed out that these go straight from the college to UCC. The GC had considered including program eliminations to go to the GC as well, however, it was agreed that departments/colleges would have good reason to eliminate a program, thus there was no reason to question the decision.

#4 is new text that addresses the process for review of documents by individuals/bodies other than GC-CC. No changes were made.

To avoid delays, the GC agreed to use electronic voting for everything but prospecti and final plans.

XI. Old Business

There was no old business to report.

XII. Adjournment

Action: B. Rudolph moved to adjourn. C. Grapczynski seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Minutes approved at Graduate Council meeting on April 7, 2006.