

GRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting
November 18, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Dean Judith Walker de Felix at 1:30 pm. Members in attendance: Sally Ebest, Tom Eyssell, Bill Kyle, Stephen Moehrle, Carol Peck, Zuleyma Tang-Martinez. Members absent: Eric Baumer, Ta Pei Cheng, David Curry, Mike Griffin, Ruth Iyob, Ruth Jenkins, Carole Murphy, Patricia Parker, Yan Tian. Dr. Tim Farmer attended for Dr. Ruth Iyob.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the October 21, 2005 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Kyle moved to accept them and Dr. Moehrle seconded the motion. Council approved the minutes unanimously.

II. Committee Reports

Curriculum and Instruction – Tim Farmer

Dr. Farmer co-chairs this committee with Dr. Ruth Iyob. He is also a member of the Senate C & I committee. This year the committees are trying to track courses by using Sharepoint. The proposals are uploaded and then any changes and/or committee decisions are logged into the Sharepoint site.

The committee reviewed the following course proposals:

CCJ 4300 “Communities and Crime”	Prerequisite: Added English 3100	Approved: no changes
Soc 4300 “Communities and Crime”	Prerequisite: Added English 3100	Approved: no changes
CCJ 4320 “Forms of Criminal Behavior	Prerequisite: Added English 3100	Approved: no changes
Soc 4320 “Forms of Criminal Behavior”-	Prerequisite: Added English 3100	Approved: no changes
CCJ 4325 “Gender, Crime and Justice	Prerequisite: Added English 3100; Fulfills CCJ diversity requirement	Approved: no changes
Soc 4325 ““Gender, Crime and Justice”	New course: Parallels cross-listed course in CCJ	Approved with change: “fulfills CCJ diversity requirement” (per communication with Dr. Miller)
CCJ 4340 “Race, Crime and Justice”	Prerequisite: Added English 3100; Fulfills CCJ diversity requirement	Approved: no changes

Soc 4340 “Race, Crime and Justice”	Prerequisite: Added English 3100	Approved with change: “fulfills CCJ diversity requirement” (per communication with Dr. Miller)
Educ 7414 “Common Doctoral Seminar	DROP	Approved: no changes
Psych 7404 “Introduction to Clinical Assessment I	Hours: Changed from 3 to 4	Approved: no changes
Psych 7404 “Introduction to Clinical Assessment II	Hours: Changed from 3 to 4	Approved: no changes
Psych 7432 “Mental Health Administration and Professional Issues I	Title, description: “Ethics and Professional Issues” Specified content, including ethics	Approved: no changes
Psych 7482 ‘Ethics for Psychologists”	DROP	Approved: no changes
Social Work 5800 “Graduate Field Practicum”	Description: Increased # contact hours required for credit and limited options for credits	Approved with change: “A maximum of 4 credit hours will apply to the MSW degree” (per communication with Dr. Pierce)

Council approved the committee’s report.

The Dean asked Council which committee should review the issue of 4000 level courses – Rules and Regulations or C & I? Dr. Farmer believes it is a curricular issue and one which will affect units differently. The Dean will give the background information to Dr. Farmer for the Graduate Council C & I committee’s review. The Rules and Regulations committee could look at the issue from the standpoint of whether or not undergraduate students should be allowed in 5000-level courses. Currently, 4000 level courses can be taken by graduate students for graduate credit unless the department stipulates otherwise. In Education, there are courses taken in the content area which could be at the 3000 level. Since 4000 level courses may be appropriate for some graduate programs, some flexibility is needed. Offering some 4000 level courses only during the day could negatively impact graduate enrollment.

The dean asked the group to look at the current Graduate Council committees. Should they be retained, some combined or some new committees established?

Program Development - Tom Eysell

The committee held an on-line discussion about the ESL placement test. The Graduate Programs Directors were concerned that all incoming international students were required to take the ESL placement test. No one can find a policy for this. The directors wished to have the option to waive testing. In an effort to initiate this, the International Student services advisor agreed to delete that requirement from the admissions letter. Opinions ranged from: the Graduate Program Directors aren’t in a position to make this decision,

to the Graduate Program Directors know best what skills their students need. If a policy change is effected, it would only affect students who are not GTAs or GRAs. The State mandates testing of international GTAs.

Does the committee need to clarify the current procedure instead of making or changing a seemingly non-existent policy? The dean will disseminate this information to the Graduate Program Directors and ask them what they think. The International Student Services advisor will be invited to the January Graduate Council meeting to continue the discussion.

IV. Dean's Report

The Graduate Faculty meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in 78 J. C. Penney. The main agenda item will be to select faculty to serve on the Graduate Faculty Nominating Committee.

The Admissions and Scholarship committee awarded three Graduate School Dissertation Fellowships. . The recipients are Anand Jeyaraj, Ph.D. Business IS; Jorge Brea, Ph.D. Physics, and Osman Ozturgut, Ph.D. Education. The committee also chose the nominee for the MAGS Thesis Award. Krisanna Scheiter, MA Philosophy was chosen as this campus' nominee. The recipients' abstracts will be placed on the Graduate School website

The Dean asked the Rules and Regulations committee to review a possible change in acceptance of European three-year degrees. Currently, the 3 year French degree is not accepted as an equivalent 4 year BA degree. A CGS International survey stated that participating European countries have adopted a 3 year bachelor's degree. This may create problems in U.S. institutions who have not accepted them in the past.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Zuleyma Tang-Martinez
Vice-Chairperson and Secretary