

Graduate Council
Minutes of the Meeting
February 18, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Dr. Therese Macan, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary. Members in attendance were: Joe Carroll, Elisha Chambers, Ta-Pei Cheng, Tom Eyssell, Carol Peck, Nancy Shields, Zuleyma Tang-Martinez, Yan Tian. Members absent: Wes Harris, David Curry (on leave), Peggy Ellis, Richard Wright, Bill Kyle. There is one vacancy in Business.

I. Graduate Council minutes

The minutes of the January 2005 meeting were approved.

II. Graduate Council Replacement

Dr. Yan Tian, Communication was elected to replace Dr. Betty LaFrance on Council for the remainder of this year and for 2005-06.

III. Committee Reports

Program Development – Ta Pei Cheng

The Graduate Program Development Committee met on February 17 and reported the following discussion. Six program proposals have been sent to us:

- Changes to the Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics
- Changes in the Ph.D. in Education
- Changes in the Ph.D. Business Administration – adding emphasis in Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Changes in Graduate Certificate in Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Changes in the MBA, adding emphasis in Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Changes in the MBA, emphasis in Operations Management

We found all of them, except the Ph.D. in Business Administration, belong to the category of in-house additions and improvements. They should not affect other units.

The change in the Ph.D. Business Administration involves a new emphasis area of “Logistics and Supply Chain Management”. The proposal documents a growing demand for doctoral graduates in this specialization and there are no comparable doctoral programs in the state or region. The program will leverage existing UMSL academic infrastructure (e.g. Center for Transportation Studies, Ph.D. with emphasis in Information Systems), faculty research strengths, and partnership with regional organizations.

The committee recommends the approval of all six program programs. Council accepted the committee report and will forward these items to the Senate C & I for review.

Admissions and Scholarship Committee – Therese Macan for Peggy Ellis

There will be \$250,000 available for the fellowships but with the Dean unexpected called out of town, we are unsure when the funds will be available. Based on some inquiries, we know that the Chancellor does not wish his name to be on the fellowships. Council agreed to call them “Graduate School Dissertation Fellowships”. Dr. Macan will contact Dean Felix when she returns and inform her of Council’s discussion.

Curriculum Committee – Elisha Chambers

The committee reviewed and recommended approval of the following courses.

Mid Ed 4235 Teaching Social Studies in the Middle School (add)
Mid Ed 5220 Science for the Middle School Teacher (add)
Ed Ad 6504 Organizational Change in Special Education Administration (add)
Hir Ed 6431 Community College Leadership (add)
Ed Ad 6315 Middle School Educational Philosophy (add)
Ed Ad 6317 Supervision and the Middle School Child (add)
EdRem 6735 Statistical Analysis for Education Research (add)
EdRem 6750 Advanced Research Design in Education (add)
EchEd 4320 Classroom Management (add)
EEd 4320 Classroom Management (add)
SecEd 4320 Classroom Management (add)
SpEd 4320 Classroom Management (change T, P, D)
SpEd 6510 History of Disability and Special Education (Add)
Tch Ed 6440 Experiential Education (add)
Econ 4120 Time Series Econometrics for Economics and Finance (add)
Econ 4170 Fundamentals of Cost-Benefit Analysis (add)
Econ 5120 Advanced Topics in Time Series Econometrics (add)
Hist 5061 Advanced Mexican American History (add)
Hist 5090 Advanced Nineteenth Century Europe (add)
MeStud4357 Media Ethics (change P,CD)
Comm 4035 Integrated Approaches to Public Relations, Advertising and Promotion (change N.T, P,D)
Comm 4393 Internship in Applied Communication (change N, P, D)
BA 7021 Qualitative Methods and Philosophical Foundations of Business Administration Research (change T, D)
BA 7300 Statistical Modeling (change N, P, D, CD)
IS 7892 Doctoral Seminar in Current Information Systems Topics (change T, D)
LOM 6330 Business Logistics Systems (change N, D)
LOM 6331 Logistics and Supply Chain Operational Modeling (change N, T, P, D)
LOM 6332 Logistics and Supply Chain Strategic Modeling (add)
LOM 6350 Management Science Methods (change N,)

LOM 7381 International Supply Chain Management (add)
LOM 7390 Research Seminar in LSCM (add)
LOM 7393 Special Topics in LSCM (add)
IS 7894 Theoretical Foundations of Information Systems Research (add)

The committee did not recommend approval of Communication 5392 “Advanced Administration of Co-curricular Activities”. The prerequisite “Communication 1040 or Consent of Instructor” is not appropriate for a graduate level course. This would appear to allow undergraduates in the class without graduate standing. There is no sign-off from the departments of English or Teaching and Learning. Also, the course is written as an addition but it is actually a change in numbering. Council suggested the course be returned to the department with the above mentioned comments. Perhaps offering the course at the 4000 level would be more appropriate.

Council accepted the committee’s report. Those courses approved will be forwarded to the Senate C & I.

IV. Other business

The Physics faculty routinely asks their students to not to work too much outside of school. The faculty would like information on student health insurance made available to all students. This is an option for all students at the university and half-time GTAs/GRAs have the added benefit of a 25% subsidy of their premium by the Graduate School.

Regarding the new fellowships, Dr. Tang-Martinez believed Puerto Ricans should be eligible for the minority fellowships. Dr. Macan will contact Dean Felix about the availability of the new fellowships and ask Dean Felix to contact the Graduate Program Directors and Graduate Council members as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Macan
Secretary and Vice-Chairperson

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