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UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COMMITTEE

May 4, 2011

Members Present: Steve Barger (Psychology), Cynthia Childrey (Ex-officio: Cline Library), Cindy Browder (Chemistry), Patrick Deegan (Ex-Officio-Extended Campuses), Kathy Eastwood (Physics and Astronomy), Luis Fernandez (Sustainable Communities), Lena Gaddis (Educational Psychology), Y. Evie Garcia (Ex-Officio-Graduate College), Michelle Harris (Sociology), Steve Hempleman (Biological Sciences), Jennifer Kurth (Educational Specialties), Alan Lew (Geography, Planning and Recreation), Chris Lockwood (Business Administration), Gretchen McAllister (Teaching and Learning), Eric Meeks (History), Ramona Mellott (Ex-Officio-Graduate Dean), Ishmael Munene (Educational Leadership), Cecilia Ojeda (Modern Languages), Karen Plager (Nursing), Lori Poloni-Staudinger (Politics and International Affairs), Richard Rogers - Chair (Applied Communication), Nandor Sieben (Mathematics and Statistics), Anna Sosa (Communication Sciences and Disorders), Paul Umhoefer (Earth Sciences and Environmental Sustainability), Niranjan Venkatraman (Engineering), Nicole Walker (English), Meghan Warren (Physical Therapy), Jamie Whelan (Sub Educational Psychology), Jim Wilce (Anthropology).

Members Absent: Michael Costelloe (Criminal Justice), David Koerner (Physics & Astronomy), Tom Kolb (Forestry), Eryn Schneider/Jeffrey Labanc (Graduate Student Representatives), John Masserini (Music), Alex Steenstra (MA in Administration).

Guests: Shadow Armfield (Educational Specialties), Barbara Austin (CSTL), Laura Blocher (Teaching and Learning), Michael Blocher (Educational Specialties), Jean Boreen ((Associate Dean Arts and Letters), Joseph Collentine (Modern Languages), Aaron Denham (Anthropology), JeanAnn Foley (Teaching & Learning), Larry Gallagher (Assistant Dean, COE), Shannon Guerrero (Mathematics/Statistics), Julie Guess-Newsome (MAST), Gae Johnson (Teaching & Learning), Janet McShane (Mathematics/Statistics), Catherine Medina (Educational Specialties), Greg Prater (Educational Specialties), Michael Roberts (Educational Specialties), Emilie Rodger (Teaching & Learning), Sandra Stone (Teaching & Learning), Shawn L. Thomas (Teaching & Learning), Diana Uyder (Teaching & Learning), Joe Wegwert (Teaching & Learning), Lisa Williams (CASA), Gerald Wood (Educational Leadership).

Graduate College: Victoria Endres, Tracy Botts.

The meeting was called to order at 2:35pm by Richard Rogers.

A. Welcome, Announcements, and Brief Reports
1. Approval of the minutes of the April 6, 2011 meeting

   A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and approved.

2. Graduate Student Government Report (GSG)—Jeffrey Labanc, Eryn Schneider

   Neither student was present for the report. Ramona Mellott gave the updates for the newly re-named GSG (formerly the Graduate Student Organization) which has recently been approved as a governance entity separate from ASNAU for graduate students. The new constitution for the organization was approved and a budget for 2011-12 was developed. Officers were elected and they are ready to begin the new status in Fall 2011. A campus parking survey was conducted with results to follow.

3. Dean’s Remarks—Ramona Mellott

   Ramona thanked the UGC members for a successful academic year.
4. UGC Subcommittee Updates—Evie Garcia

Evie gave an update on the recent Dissertations/Defense Committee meeting stating that the committee will meet once more this semester and has addressed some several items on the list reviewed at an earlier UGC. The committee will reconvene in Fall 2011 to complete its work.

5. Chair’s End of Year Report—Richard Rogers

Rich Rogers said this year 299 curriculum issues came before the UGC compared to 84 last year. This was a grand accomplishment and everyone needs to be commended including the various sub-committee members, guests, and Graduate College staff.

Congratulations were offered to Dr. Chris Lockwood regarding his retirement from NAU Dr. Lockwood has been an active UGC member for years and a member of the Review Subcommittee for the last two academic years.

B. Curricular Changes

1. College of Health and Human Services

   a. M.S. Clinical Speech-Language Pathology. Plan Change

      Anna Sosa presented the plan change. A motion was made to approve, seconded, and approved with one abstention.

   b. NUR650 Advanced Nursing Assessment. Course Change.
   c. NUR651 Advanced Nursing Assessment Practicum. Course Deletion.

      Karen Plager addressed the merging of these two courses into one online course. A motion was made to approve the course change and deletion, seconded, and approved.

2. College of Arts and Letters


      Nicole Walker presented the plan change. A motion was made to approve, seconded, and approved with one abstention.

3. College of Education


      JeanAnn Foley addressed the plan change. Much discussion followed both pro and con with many members and guests commenting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and tied. A call for revote was made which was voted down. A 10 to 10 vote with one abstention failed to approve the proposal.

   c. ECI 542 Teacher Leadership in Secondary Education. New Course.
   d. ECI 555 Marginalized Populations in Secondary Education. New Course.
A motion to approve all three courses was made, seconded, and approved with two abstentions.

4. Consent Agenda
   a. HS 580 Medical Anthropology. Course Deletion.

      A motion to approve the consent agenda was made, seconded, and approved.

5. Fast Track Approval Report
   b. PSY 650 Physiological Psychology. Course Change.
   c. Nursing Plan Changes (related to NUR651 Course Deletion)
      i. M.S. Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner
      ii. M.S. Nursing: Education
      iii. M.S. Nursing: Generalist

C. The following Discussion Items were tabled to Fall 2011 due to time constraints, including:
   1. 2011-2012 UGC Meeting Calendar
   2. Discussion of how Fast Track has been working
   3. Discussion of how the CPA process is working
   4. Curriculum definitions

Meeting adjourned: 4:23pm

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