MINUTES
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COMMITTEE
April 6, 2011

Members Present: Steve Barger (Psychology), Cindy Browder (Chemistry), Michael Costelloe (Criminal Justice), 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), Tom Kolb (Forestry), Jennifer Kurth (Educational Specialties), Alan Lew (Geography, Planning and Recreation), Chris Lockwood (Business Administration), John Masserini (Music), Gretchen McAllister (Teaching and Learning), Ramona Mellott (Ex-Officio-Graduate Dean), Ishmael Munene (Educational Leadership), 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), Laura Taylor (Sub-Ex-officio- Cline Library), Niranjan Venkatraman (Engineering), Nicole Walker (English), Meghan Warren (Physical Therapy).

Members Absent: Patrick Deegan (Ex-Officio-Extended Campuses), Michelle Harris (Sociology), David Koerner (Physics & Astronomy), Eric Meeks (History), Cecilia Ojeda (Modern Languages), Eryn Schneider (Graduate Student), Alex Steenstra (MA in Administration), Paul Umhoefer (Earth Sciences and Environmental Sustainability), Jim Wilce (Anthropology).

Guests: Kathy Bohan (Educational Psychology), Joseph Collentine (Modern Languages), Aaron Denham (Anthropology), Catherine Medina (Educational Specialties), Lisa Williams (CASA).

Graduate College: Victoria Endres, Tracy Botts.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm by Richard Rogers.

A. Welcome, Announcements, and Brief Reports

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the March 2, 2011 meeting, seconded, and approved with noting that Michael Costelloe was in attendance at the March meeting.

1. Graduate Student Organization (GSO) Report—Ramona Mellott presented a name change to Graduate Student Government (GSG) and an updated constitution for the GSG. This included allowing representatives from the entire student body to be eligible to be a part of GSG. As such, two At-Large seats will be added in the elections. Elections will be electronic in late April and all are welcome to run for at-large seats. The UGC approved the changes.

2. Dean's Remarks—Ramona Mellott
   - Graduate Awards Ceremony will be Monday April 25 in the Grand Canyon Room at 4 pm
   - Several more programs were approved for the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP) which allows in-state resident tuition for specified NAU programs for student from participating states.
   - Electronic Thesis and Dissertation defense forms have been revised to accommodate decisions by departments regarding embargoes, open access, copyright, and required copies. Signatures on the thesis and dissertation title pages will no longer be required and a form will replace this step to indicate committee approval for student to submit final copies. The new form will be available beginning Fall 2011 semester.

3. UGC Subcommittee Updates—Evie Garcia
• The Awards Committee will be meeting to make evaluate the Graduate Teaching Award portfolios.
• Dissertations/Defenses committee will meet once more this semester.

B. Discussion Items – Rich Rogers

1. Master's Student Hooding Process- Deb Larson announced that the process will be changed for this May's commencement but discussions will follow for future ceremonies in the dome. Gretchen McAllister and John Masserini volunteered to represent the UGC in the discussions. Matt Gage of Chemistry was nominated by Cindy Browder by email after the UGC meeting.

C. Curricular Changes

   a. M.S. Forestry, Plan Change.
   b. Ph.D. Forest Science, Plan Change.

   Tom Kolb announced that forestry statistics requirements are changing which was addressed by adding a statistics course to the plans. The committee voted to approve the plan changes.

   a. ANT 580 Medical Anthropology (co-convened with ANT 480). Course Change.
   Aaron Denham discussed a proposal to co-convene ANT 580 and 480. Karen Plager of Nursing asked about changing the term “equivocal illnesses” to a different term and Aaron agreed to do so. The committee voted to approve the course change pending the suggested change.

   b. Master of Public Administration, Plan Change.
   Lori Poloni-Staudinger discussed the plan changes and the committee voted to approve.

   c. Geography Planning and Recreation Change Documents.
      i. GGR 531 Foundations I: Map Design And GIS, Course Change.
      ii. Graduate Certificate in Community Planning, Plan Change.

   Alan Lew discussed the course and plan changes. Changes to further clarify and assess the leadership role were suggested for PL 506 and PL 532 were recommended. The committee voted to approve the plan changes and course changes pending the suggested changes.

3. Curriculum Change—College of Education.
   a. M.Ed. Special Education with Certification: High Incidence Cross-Categorical: Plan Change. (Note: This item and the class below are revisions following tabling at the 3-2-11 UGC meeting).

   Catherine Medina discusses the changes made to the proposal based on requests from the previous UGC meeting. The committee voted to approve the plan change.

   b. EPS 602 The American College Student, Course Change. (Note that this item is a resubmission after being tabled at the 3-2-11 UGC meeting.)
Kathy Bohan provided a justification for the name change. The committee voted to approve the course change pending changes to put the syllabus in approved format, change the recommended readings to comply with APA style, and remove references to global education from justification.

   a. Ph.D. History Plan Deletion
      No representative or guest was present to discuss the proposed deletion. Dr. Mellott reported that the deletion was as result of degree enrollment and completions rates lower than the minimum required by ABOR to sustain a program. The committee voted to approve the deletion. The vote passed with ten for approval, six for abstention, and five opposed.

ADDENDUM 11/30/11: Please refer to the UGC minutes for November 30, 2011 for additional action on this item.

      Joe Collentine proposed a change to make the description of the program more transparent. Also the dropping of three ECI courses. The committee voted to approve the plan change with two opposed and one abstention.

5. Consent Agenda.
   a. Master of Forestry, Plan Change.
   b. M.S. Applied Criminology/B.S. Criminology and Criminal Justice, Integrated Program.
   c. Psychology Course Changes (one document).
      i. PSY 610 Psychology of Personality, Course Change
      ii. PSY 620 Psychology of Learning, Course Change.
      iii. PSY 621 Cognitive Processes, Course Change.
      iv. PSY 635 Social Psychology, Course Change.
      v. PSY 650 Physiological Psychology, Course Change.
   d. Geography Planning and Recreation Change Documents.
      i. M.S. Applied Geospatial Sciences (Non Thesis Plan), Plan Change.
      ii. M.S. Applied Geospatial Sciences (Thesis Plan), Plan Change.
      v. GGR 533 Foundations Ii: Mapping And GIS Applications, Plan Change.
      vi. GGR 535 GIS Mastery I: Programming For GIS, Course Change.
      vii. GGR 536 GIS Mastery II: Enterprise Geodatabase, Course Change.
      viii. GGR 537 GIS Modeling & Analysis I: Raster, Course Change.
      ix. GGR 538 GIS Modeling & Analysis II: Vector, Course Change.
      x. PL 545 Community Planning and Public Health, Course Change.
      xi. PL and GGR Course Prefix Changes (one document).
         1. PL 501 Communities and Public Planning, Course Change.
         2. PL 514 Planning Sustainable Communities, Course Change.
         3. PL 521 Land Use Planning Law and Ethics, Course Change.
         4. PL 543 Urban Transportation Planning, Course Change.
5. GGR 566 Legislative Internship. Course Change.
6. GGR 599 Contemporary Developments. Course Change.
7. GGR 608 Fieldwork Experience. Course Change.
8. GGR 681 Geographic Thought And Method. Course Change.
9. GGR 685 Graduate Research. Course Change.
10. GGR 687 Professional Development Seminar. Course Change.
11. GGR 689 Professional Practicum Experience. Course Change.
12. GGR 697 Independent Study. Course Change.
13. GGR 698 Seminar in Rural Geography. Course Change.


   The committee voted to approve the Consent Agenda.

6. Fast Track Approval Report
a. Music
   i. MUP 649 Opera/Chamber Orchestra. Course Change (Description).
   ii. MUP 650 University Orchestra. Course Change.
   iii. MUP 652 Wind Symphony Band. Course Change.
   iv. MUP 653 Symphonic Band. Course Change.
   v. MUP 654 Marching Band. Course Change.
   vi. MUP 655 Pep Band. Course Change.
   vii. MUP 656 Shrine Of The Ages Choir. Course Change.
   viii. MUP 657 University Singers. Course Change.
   ix. MUP 661 Men's Chorale. Course Change.
   x. MUP 662 Women's Chorale. Course Change.
   xi. MUP 665 Handbell Choir. Course Change.
   xii. MUP 671 Percussion Ensemble/Multiple. Course Change.
   xiii. MUP 677 Vocal Chamber Ensemble. Course Change.
   xiv. MUP 678 Vocal Jazz Ensemble. Course Change.
   xv. MUS 615 Composition. Course Change.

b. Mathematics and Statistics
   i. MAT 500 Reflections On/In Math Education. Course Change.
   ii. MAT 501 History And Philosophy Of Mathematics Education. Course Change.
   iii. MAT 502 Problem Solving: Theory And Practice. Course Change.
   iv. MAT 504 Connections - Algebra And Number Theory. Course Change.
   v. MAT 505 Connections – Calculus. Course Change.
   vi. MAT 506 Connections – Geometry. Course Change.
   vii. MAT 507 Connections - Probability And Statistics. Course Change.
   viii. MAT 508 Technology In Mathematics Education. Course Change.
ix. MAT 509 Assessment In Mathematics. Course Change.


c. Psychology

i. PSY 601 Introduction To Clinical Skills. Course Change.

ii. PSY 608 Fieldwork Experience. Course Change.

iii. PSY 625 Intermediate Statistics. Course Change.

iv. PSY 633 Developmental Psychology. Course Change.

v. PSY 636 Social And Behavioral Epidemiology. Course Change.

vi. PSY 640 Health Psychology Assessment. Course Change.


viii. PSY 646 Health Promotion Practicum: Group. Course Change.

ix. PSY 653 Psychology Of Aging. Course Change.

x. PSY 655 Psychology Of Perception. Course Change.

xi. PSY 665 Psychology Teaching Practicum. Course Change.

xii. PSY 670 Psychopharmacology. Course Change.

xiii. PSY 673 Techniques Of Psychological Research. Course Change.

xiv. PSY 678 Human Sexualities In The Contemporary World. Course Change.


xvi. PSY 683 Psychopathology. Course Change.

xvii. PSY 685 Graduate Research. Course Change.

xviii. PSY 690 Behavioral Medicine: Biofeedback And Hypnosis. Course Change.

xix. PSY 695 Health Psychology Internship. Course Change.

xx. PSY 697 Independent Study. Course Change.

xxi. PSY 698 Graduate Seminar. Course Change.


xxiii. PSY 725 Multivariate Statistics. Course Change.

E. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

1. Discuss how FAST TRACK and CPA processes are working for departments
2. Further discuss ETDs.

F. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

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