MINUTES
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COMMITTEE
April 18, 2012

Members Present: Anna Sosa (Communication Sciences and Disorders), Cathy Propper (Biological Sciences), Cindy Browder (Chemistry), Eric Meeks (History), Eric Otenyo (Politics and International Affairs), Greg Glau (English), Gretchen McAllister (Teaching and Learning), Jim Wilce (Anthropology), Joe Collentine (Modern Languages), John Masserini (Music), Karen Plager (Nursing), Laura Taylor for Cynthia Childrey (Ex-officio: Cline Library), Marcia Metcalf (Business Administration), Meghan Warren (Physical Therapy), Moussa Tankari (Graduate Student), Nandor Sieben (Mathematics and Statistics), Niranjan Venkatraman (Engineering), Pat Peterson for Jennifer Kurth (Educational Specialties), Paul Umhoefer (Earth Sciences and Environmental Sustainability), Richard Hofstetter (Forestry), Steven Funk (Psychology), and Y. Evie Garcia (Ex-Officio-Graduate College),

Members Absent: Alex Steenstra (MA in Administration), David Koerner (Physics & Astronomy), Emily D. Babcock (Physician Asst Studies), Gary Emanuel (Educational Leadership), Luis Fernandez (Sustainable Communities), Michael Costelloe (Criminal Justice), Michelle Harris (Sociology), Ramona Mellott (Ex-Officio-Graduate Dean), Richard Rogers (Applied Communication), Ruihong Huang (Geography, Planning and Recreation), Thomas DeStefano (Educational Psychology).

Guests: Sharon Cardenas (Center for Science T&L), K. Laurie Dickson (Assessment), Larry Gallagher (COE), Scott Galland (CASA), Shannon Guerrero (Math and Statistics), Angela Hansen (English), Kathy Hildebrand (Asst Vice Provost), April Judd (Math and Statistics), Debbie Nogueras Nursing), Roy St. Laurent (Math and Statistics), Debera Thomas (Nursing), Lisa Williams (CASA),

Graduate College: Melissa Riggs

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by Niranjan Venkatraman.

I. Welcome, Announcements, and Brief Reports

A. Approval of the Minutes of the March 21, 2012 meeting — Niranjan Venkatraman

Minutes approved by all present.

B. Graduate Student Government Report — Moussa Tankari

Mr. Tankari reported that the GSG hosted the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students Western Regional Conference in April; five institutions sent representatives. GSG elections are ongoing; results are expected within the week.

C. Dean’s Remarks — Ramona Mellott

In Dean Mellott’s absence, Associate Dean Evie Garcia presented remarks, thanking UGC members for their hard work. She presented highlights of a report on the year’s accomplishments for the UGC, Review and other committees, and statistics for thesis and dissertation defenses.

Dr. Venkatraman thanked UGC and committee members as well as the Graduate College and CASA staff for their work and support. Dr. Garcia presented a plaque to Dr. Venkatraman in recognition of his leadership this year.

II. Curricular Changes

Consent Items

A. College of Engineering, Forestry & Natural Sciences Mathematics and Statistics

1. Statistics; M.S., Fall 2013: Major Reqmts-Course(s) Added, Major Reqmts-Course(s) Deleted

A motion was approved to consider both items together. STA 477 will replace STA 472 in both programs. The items were approved by all present.

Action Items

B. College of Arts and Letters
English
1a. English Secondary Education; M.A., Fall 2012, Major Reqmts-Course(s) Added, Major Reqmts-Course(s) Deleted
   b. ENG 595, Fall 2012, New Course
   A motion was approved to consider both items together. Angela Hansen requested these changes to give proper credit to instructors and to more easily capture data for NCATE assessments. Gretchen McAllister asked Larry Gallagher to address financial complications: Dr. Gallagher reported on discussions with Kathy Hildebrand and Jean Boreen on this topic. The three agreed that if costs increase, they will work together to solve the problem. The items were approved by all present.

Spanish
2a. Spanish Education; M.A.T., Fall 2012: Major Reqmts-Course(s) Added, Major Reqmts-Course(s) Deleted
   b. SPA 595, Fall 2012, New Course
   A motion was approved to consider both items together. Joe Collentine reported that the changes would increase the consistency of program ownership of student teaching courses and provide different courses for programs having unique criteria for candidate performance evaluations and signature assignments. The motion was approved by all present.

C. College of Engineering, Forestry & Natural Sciences
Mathematics and Statistics
1a. Teaching Mathematics; M.A., Fall 2012, Major Reqmts-Course(s) Added, Major Reqmts-Course(s) Deleted, Name Change, Text within Plan
   b. MAT 510, Fall 2012, New Course: Curriculum in Mathematics Education
   c. MAT 600, Fall 2012, New Course: Equity in Mathematics Education
   A motion was approved to consider the three items together. Roy St. Laurent, Shannon Guerrero, and April Judd were present to address the proposed changes. The proposal for a program change entails a change in name as well as a change in the program structure. Nationally, “M.A.T.” generally refers to a master’s degree leading to teaching certification in secondary mathematics, which the NAU degree does and will not do. The other proposed changes include additional coursework necessary to meet standards for NCATE and NBPTS requirements. The items were approved with one abstention.

CSTL
2a. Mathematics or Science Teaching; Graduate Certificate, Fall 2012, Major Reqmts-Course(s) Added, Major Reqmts-Course(s) Delete
   b. Teaching Science (with Certification) M.A., Fall 2012, Major Reqmts-Course(s) Added, Major Reqmts-Course(s) Deleted
   c. TSM 595, Fall 2012, New Course
   A motion was approved to consider the three items together. Sharon Cardenas spoke on the new course and prefix requested for graduate level student teaching. All graduate secondary education program faculties have unique criteria for their candidates because of SPA reporting purposes, and their programs need to have their own specific final evaluation tool and signature assignment. The items were approved by all present.

D. College of Health and Human Services
Nursing
1a. Doctor of Nursing Practice, Fall 2012, Text within Plan
   b. NUR 707, Fall 2012, New Course: Epidemiology For Advanced Practice Nursing
   A motion was approved to consider the two items together. Debera Thomas and Debbie Nogueras explained that NUR 570 (646) was originally included in the plan but is not rigorous enough for the DNP. As a result, NUR 707 was created to better align with DNP student learning outcomes. The items were approved by all present.

III. Informational Items
A. Certificate Reviews
   1. Public Management (revised)
   2. Women and Gender Studies (approved pending minor revisions)
   3. Positive Behavior Support
   4. Assistive Technology
   5. Disability Policy and Practice (approved pending minor revisions)
   6. Graduate Certificate in Applied Statistics
   7. TESL Certificate

Seven certificates were reviewed this year. (No vote necessary.)

B. April 18, 2012 FAST TRACK Report

(No vote necessary.)

IV. Discussion Items

A. Graduate College Dissertation Defense Procedures—Revision

Thanks to the Ad Hoc Committee for their work this semester in clarifying and removing redundancies. Dr. Garcia will
send the document electronically and requested that members review the revisions with chairs and graduate coordinators, then send comments back to her.

B. Course Level Policy wording change

Discussion on hold until Fall 2012.

V. Agenda Items for Next UGC Meeting

No additional items proposed.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.