



Minutes of Meeting
Graduate Council
October 13, 2008; 3:05—4:10 p.m.
Reeve Memorial Union 220

Present: Gary Adams, Susan Cramer, Judy Hankes, Margaret Hostetler, Roxana Huebscher, Karen King, Jim Koch, Anca Miron for Fran Rauscher, Lynn Mozingo for Michael Tippins, Diane Park, Marguerite Parks, Alan Saginak; Joan Simmons, Fredi Staerkel, Jennifer Szydlak,

Dean-in-Residence: Fred Yeo
Graduate Council Chair: Linda Hartenian

Excused: Denise Clark, Leona Dempsey, Thomas Lammers, Fran Rauscher, Michael Tippins, Greg Wypiszynski

Invited Guests: None

Approval Items

1. The minutes of the Graduate Council meeting of September 15, 2008, were approved as written.
2. The Grade-Scale change has been approved by all of the University's governance groups. The Graduate Council is asked to pass a resolution in support of the grade-scale changes. The resolution is as follows.

Be it resolved that the Graduate Council of The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh supports changing from the current 8-point grade scale to a 12-point grade scale (see illustrative table below).

Be it further resolved that the Graduate Council, in remaining consistent with the current grade scale for graduate courses which does not include grades below C (CD and D*) except for F, identifies that the grades of C-, D+, D and D- of the 12-point scale will not be used for graduate courses.

Motion/second by S. Cramer/G. Adams to approve the Grade-Scale change.

Discussion/Comments

Question: Is the new Grade-Scale change effective for assignment grades as well as final grades?

Response: Assume it refers to final grades.

Question: Will the grade percentages listed in the Graduate Bulletin need to be changed as a result of the new scale?

Response: If the Graduate Council approves the Grade-Scale change, yes.

Question: Will the new Grade-Scale change be “grand-parented” for students who began under the soon-to-be old grading system?

Response: Do not know.

The Grade-Scale change is an administrative change that will impact on course syllabi.

Motion passed: Yes-15; No-1; Abstain-0

Discussion/Action Items

3. MSN Admission Change for Transition to DNP (Doctorate of Nursing Practice)

Roxie H. explained that at the November 8, 2008 GC meeting, the CON will come forward with a proposal for the transitioning of the MSN FNP program to the DNP program. She explained that the CON would like to limit admission for Fall 2009 MSN FNP students to fulltime status only. In addition, Fall 2009 would be the last MSN FNP admitted class. This would be in preparation for the first DNP students who would enter in Fall 2010. The CON anticipates that between the last Fall 2009 FNP fulltime class and the part-time and fulltime FNP students currently in the FNP program, that the last graduates of the MSN FNP would be approximately 2012. By then, there will be two DNP cohorts in place. Both the CON Graduate Program Committee and the CON faculty have voted affirmatively on this program change. As a note, this will not affect the MSN Nursing Educator and Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) cohorts who will be admitted part-time and full-time as usual. Also the CON graduate program currently only admits in the Fall semester.

GC members were encouraged to share with Roxie any insights to strengthen this proposal.

4. Digitized Thesis, Clinical Papers and Field Projects Searchable by Faculty/Advisor's Names

Currently bound theses, clinical papers, and field projects are catalogued according to the Library of Congress classifications, as the hard-copy ones have in the past. Effective for Fall 2008, the circulating copies will be digitized, so specific terms within each work can also be listed as keywords, including the thesis committee/clinical paper advisor/field project advisor and member associated with each manuscript. The Graduate Council was asked for their response to this. The consensus was that faculty members names should not be included as searchable terms.

5. Dual-Level Course Rubrics Submitted for Review

A. College of Education and Human Services Dual-Level Differentiation Analysis Tool

Motion/second by S. Cramer/R. Huebscher to approve. The following revisions were requested.

- i. Add that the differentiation will be applied to existing dual-level courses and include a timeline for completion
- ii. Move the four bullet points starting with “Syllabus” to the last sentence of the third paragraph of the “preamble.”

Motion passed: Yes-16; No-0; Abstain-0

The revised Analysis Tool should also include the date of GC approval.

B. MS-Mathematics Education Dual-Level Course Rubric

Motion/second by J. Koch/F. Staerkel to approve. The following revisions were requested.

- i. Add language as a “preamble” similar to that used by the COEHS.
- ii. For criteria 3, 4, and 5, change language to “graduate students are required,” rather than “graduate students are asked.”

Motion passed: Yes-16; No-0; Abstain-0

The revised Dual-Level Course Rubric should also include the date of GC approval.

6. Graduate Assistantship Allocation and Distribution Task Force Update

Linda H. and Greg W. met with Provost Hartman to discuss the activities of the Task Force. Linda and Greg will write an information piece to be included in the University’s Capital Campaign, requesting support for graduate assistantships.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next GC meeting is November 3, 2008, 3:00-4:30 p.m., in Reeve MU 220

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