

**Present:** Denise Clark, Susan Cramer, John Cross, Mike Ford, David Fuller, Karen Gibson, Randy Harris, Joan Heller, Marci Hoffman, Phan Hong, Toni House, Lixin Jiang, Karen King, Shelly Lancaster, Karen Landay, Deb Matulle, Christine Roth, Alan Saginak, Bob Stelzer, Jennifer Szydlik, Judy Westphal, Bill Wresch, Greg Wypiszynski

**Excused:** Elizabeth Alderton, Eric Brunsell, Fredi Giesler, Jamie Ceman, Kathy Hagens, Lori Worm

**Guests:** Marguerite Penick - Parks

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by Phan Hong.

- A. The minutes of the Graduate Council meeting of February 5, 2015 were approved as written (19-0-0). Motion to approve/second: Karen King/Karen Landay.
- B. The minutes of the Graduate Council meeting of February 12, 2015 were approved as written (19-0-0). Motion to approve/second: Karen Gibson/Karen Landay.
- C. Curriculum Approval Committee – The Graduate Council agreed to discuss each item first, then vote on all actions together.
  1. Ed.D. for the Superintendent – Discussion ensued. A new UW System collaborative program; all campuses will have a different focus (Oshkosh's will be Superintendentcy), but will share 2 online courses (social justice and leadership theory). Oshkosh's program has a projected enrollment of 15 students, which was based on the current masters program for principal licensure and support from local superintendents. Many superintendents are working under emergency licensures, and this will prepare those individuals for dpi licensure.
  2. Athletics Program Leadership – change in required courses for the current program.
  3. Classroom Assessment – new certificate program in the Teaching & Learning Department.
  4. Educational Leadership & Policy – change in required courses for the current program.
  5. 17 Reading Specialist Licensure – new track in the Literacy (MSE) program.
  6. Reading Specialist Licensure – new certificate in the Literacy (MSE) program.

Motion to approve all six curricular actions/second. Jen Szydlik/Mike Ford. All in favor. (19-0-0).

- D. The Council discussed their February 12 meeting with Chancellor Leavitt; they appreciated his time and support for graduate education. Chancellor Leavitt discussed Research Comprehensive universities, which currently exist in Georgia. It was unclear to the Council how the Chancellor meant UW Oshkosh could become similar to a Research Comprehensive. Interpretations included 1) that UWO could focus more on current and new practice doctorates (DNP and Ed.D., for example), 2) if he meant that UW Oshkosh could promote a higher emphasis on research within all comprehensive universities, 3) if UW Oshkosh's focus could be to implement further research in our current programs, 4) if he meant Oshkosh could offer two faculty tracks – one devoted to research and one to teaching, or 5) if he was referring to a combination of one or more of these ideas. All Council members had a different interpretation of Chancellor Leavitt's purpose for the Research Comprehensive discussion, so Dean Cramer will investigate further.
- E. Council members discussed results from the Graduate Student Survey conducted in the fall. Of 1414 students sent a survey, 180 responded (13% response rate). In general, students like our programs and would recommend them. Further discussion ensued.
  1. It was noted that enrollment at UW Oshkosh is decreasing, while other universities show an increase. La Crosse offers significantly more online programs and several full time programs in the

health care fields, including a doctorate in Physical Therapy since 2006. Whitewater has a successful business program, including a DBA. Oshkosh's education programs have plummeted in recent years due to state affairs (10 years ago, Oshkosh's enrollments were much higher).

2. FTE calculations (GA and Faculty) seem to differ within the programs compared to what the Chancellor reports. The GA FTE has dropped every year, with a current available FTE at less than 20. However, the Chancellor states GA FTE has never gone down, and remains at 30. Same is true for faculty lines which have dropped in many departments, although the Chancellor states FTE has remained the same for 10 years. Susan Cramer will continue to investigate FTE calculations.

F. Budget

1. Continuation Policy – A revision to the draft is underway, so the Council tabled this item for the April meeting.
2. Graduate Studies Initiatives Program – Literacy & Language and Psychology faculty have submitted proposals that were approved by Dean Cramer. IMC is working on online advertising. The deadline to submit a GSIP proposal is April 1, and any remaining funds will be provided to IMC for continued marketing. A new position is being created on campus specifically for Enrollment Management, which will help with future marketing initiatives.
3. Titan National Scholars Program – A talent development initiative proposed by Chancellor Leavitt is under discussion to provide non-resident students with tuition at in-state costs. Susan Cramer and Greg Wypiszynski drafted a policy for graduate students based on one used for undergraduates. The new Titan National Graduate Scholars Program will provide non-resident students of exceptional merit with in-state tuition. Still under discussion is if this will apply to international, certificate, and GAP students. Susan Cramer and Greg Wypiszynski will draft new language to the policy.

Motion to adjourn at 2:50pm. The next Graduate Council meeting is on April 2, 2015 from 1:20 – 2:50pm in Sage 2210.

Marci Hoffman, Recorder

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