

School of Graduate Studies

Graduate Council Minutes

March 30, 2017

UC Indian Room

Members: Present: Gathman, presiding; Bertrand, Fonseca, Garner, Gause, Glackin, Gray, Grueneberg, McFerron, Powell, Schmidt, Severtson, K. Timlin, Walling, and Wang.

Guests: Santaneel Ghosh (Physics/Engineering Physics), Gloria Green (Nursing), Elaine Jackson (Nursing), Provost Karl Kunkel, Diane Wood (Biology)

1. **Graduate Dean Evaluation Results:** Provost Kunkel briefly explained the faculty handbook guidelines related to the evaluation. He noted a response rate of 38% to the material distributed to graduate faculty regarding the evaluation. Kunkel explained the structure and duality of the role of the Dean of Graduate Studies who also serves as Vice Provost. He noted his recommendation for a stronger presence with graduate faculty related to the Dean of Graduate Studies role and explained the new workload distribution to begin with the onboarding of the new Associate Provost, Dr. Bethany Alden-Rivers, in June 2017. The new workload distribution should allow more time to be devoted to the Dean of Graduate Studies element of Dr. McAllister's dual role. Provost Kunkel will recommend the reappointment of Dr. Charles McAllister as Dean of Graduate Studies to President Vargas.
Dr. Diane Wood stated her concern with what she believes is a lack of communication between graduate faculty and the Dean of Graduate Studies. Dr. Natallia Gray asked if Dr. McAllister would continue to teach classes in the future and noted that time might be better utilized focusing on the Dean role. Provost Kunkel acknowledged the concerns and presented the teaching element as a way for Dr. McAllister to retain a connection to teaching and working closely with students.
2. **Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from February 23, 2017 was made by Gause/Bertrand. Minutes were then approved by the council.
3. **Reports:**
 - a. **Interim Dean's Report:** Gathman reminded the council members of the need for the library resource review step in the new or revised course process. He asked for their support in sharing this information in their departments/colleges. He advised that a new CART form with updated, clarified instructions and a signature area for the Dean of Kent Library was now available. A memo regarding this information will be distributed to Deans, Chairs, and department Administrative Assistants.
 - b. **Curriculum Committee:** No report
 - c. **Academic Standards:** No report
 - d. **Assessment Committee:** No report

4. Action Items:

**a. Master of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis
(Academic Restructuring Proposal)**

Dr. Jamie Severtson was present to discuss the academic restructuring proposal for MA in Applied Behavior Analysis. The program restructure is focused on balancing inequities in workload for department chairpersons in the College of Education and creating better alignment throughout the program. Severtson explained the voting results from Elementary, Early, and Special Education and those from Educational Leadership and Counseling. Dr. C. P. Gause stated that the program aligns very well and is a good fit for Educational Leadership and Counseling. Gause added that many schools are hiring behavior analysts along with counselors, so this move creates a good bridge in Educational Leadership and Counseling.

A motion to approve the academic restructuring proposal for MA in Applied Behavior Analysis was made by Glackin/Bertrand. The council then moved for approval.

**b. College of Health and Human Services
(Course Revisions)**

NS642 Advanced Roles Seminar I

(New Course Additions)

NS643 Advanced Roles Seminar II (course number updated to NS645 as there was already a prior instance of NS643 in existence)

Drs. Elaine Jackson and Gloria Green were present to discuss the course revision and new course addition for Nursing. Jackson explained that student feedback related to the workload/course content was a significant reason for the split of the current NS642 course into the two proposed courses. Jackson also noted this is only a change to the course structure. There is no change to actual course content.

A motion to collectively approve the course revision of NS642 and course addition of NS643 (updated to NS645) was made by Schmidt/Severtson. The council then moved for approval.

5. Recommendation for Graduate Faculty Status:

The following individuals were approved for Graduate Faculty Status:

1. Kyle Schneider	Health, Human Performance, & Recreation	Associate
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Meeting adjourned.

Next Graduate Council Meeting:

Thursday, April 27, 2017

8:30-10:00 a.m.

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