

School of Graduate Studies

Graduate Council Minutes Special Meeting - November 2, 2017 Dempster Hall – Room 102

Members: Present: McAllister, presiding; Bawaneh, Belling, Caldwell, Faber, Garner, Glackin, Gray, Grueneberg, Hatcher, McFerron, Powell, Schmidt, and Sides.

Guests: Hamner Hill (Interim Dean - Health and Human Services)

1. Action Items:

a. College of Health and Human Services

(Academic Restructuring)

Dr. Hamner Hill was present to discuss the proposed academic restructuring in the College of Health and Human Services related to merging Criminal Justice and Sociology with Social Work. Schmidt asked if there was any impact to current graduate program. Hill explained there is none. Hill went on to mention that University of Washington – Tacoma has a combined Criminal Justice and Social Work department. Hill expressed his concern that current objections from Criminal Justice and Social Work are potentially strong enough to create an ungovernable body. Hatcher and Caldwell mentioned concern related to a combined department with such resistance and internal conflict having the ability to produce quality graduates. Discussion followed regarding a potential MSW program and implications. Garner and Faber pointed out this program is not in place and only Criminal Justice currently has a graduate program. This is the only current program to be potentially impacted at the graduate level. Grueneberg stated there are no legitimate, supporting reasons given for strong objection by Social Work. Social Work should provide legitimate reasons with well-conceived support. Hatcher agreed that Social Work needs to respond in a way that provides real information to support their objection, but may need mentoring to do so since most faculty are relatively new (none employed at Southeast prior to August 2015).

Graduate Council does not support proposal. Dr. McAllister will prepare a memo for the Provost outlining the reservations related to the presented information and stating there is no support for this restructuring proposal by Graduate Council.

2. Informational Items:

a. College of Health and Human Services

CD652 Swallowing Disorders – Credit Hour Change

Dr. McAllister briefly reviewed the presented informational items.

3. Recommendation for Graduate Faculty Status:

The following individuals were approved for Graduate Faculty Status:

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| 1. | Karie Hollerbach | Mass Media | Regular |
| 2. | Leisa Marshall | Accounting | Regular |

Meeting adjourned.

Next Graduate Council Meeting:

Thursday, November 16, 2017

8:30-10:00 a.m.

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