

Graduate Sub-Meet and Confer Unit Meeting

November 19, 2007

Members present: Dr. John Alessio, Dr. Anne Blackhurst, Dr. John Banschbach, Dr. Maria Bevacqua, Dr. Penny Herickhoff, Dr. Norma Krumwiede, Chris Mickle, Dr. Jerry Robicheau, Dr. Tim Secott

Notes

The notes of the October meeting were approved.

Curriculum Proposals

The following curriculum proposals were approved:

Proposal 02, Special Education closing the Talent Development and Gifted Education, **program closure**

Proposal 03, Special Education, Early Education of Exceptional Children, **program closure**

Proposal 04, Information Systems & Technology, ISYS 597 (3) TO ISYS (1-12), **change in credits**

Proposal 05, Physics, PHYS 692 (1-2) TO PHYS 692 (1), **change in credits**

Variable Sub-title Request (for information purposes)

BIOL 619 Selected Topics: Inflammation
EE 598 Integrated Circuit Lab II
ENG 603 Donne-Hopkins
ENG 611 Graduate Seminar in Literature
ENG 649 Teaching Creative Writing
ENG 680 Writing Proposals
HLTH 559 Behavior Change Interventions
SPED 590 Methods for Students with Asperger Syndrome

Proposal to Compensate Graduate Faculty for Thesis and APP supervision

The Chair plans to speak with the Faculty Association to determine appropriate next steps to ensure that campus discussion about this proposal may take place.

Electronic Capstone Option

The concept of providing an option for students and programs wishing to electronically submit theses or APPs has been reviewed and is supported by member of the Graduate Sub-Meet. The Graduate Studies Office will develop a document that provides details about electronic capstone options. This document will include FAQ, possible pilot programs, and implementation issues.

Shaded Grading

The Sub-Meet supports the proposed grading policy as currently written. If the University opts to require the use of +/- grading, the Sub-Meet is not opposed

Distinguished Scholars Awards

The Chair will meet with the Executive Committee of the Faculty Association to discuss issues raised at today's Sub-Meet in an attempt to address the Association's uneasiness associated with the proposal to annually name three Distinguished Scholars (see notes from the Sept. 2007 Sub-Meet).

Graduate Assistant Issues

Dr. Blackhurst distributed data reflecting average GA salaries across the nation. Data concerning campus graduate assistants was also distributed. A discussion ensued about the current GA salaries and policies. The Sub-Meet was reminded that this body previously approved in 2004 a statement that endorsed a higher GA salary for assistants funded from sources other than an allocation from state appropriations and tuition. The Dean asked if the Sub-Meet wished to revisit this issue, or to perhaps create a statement concerning abolishing the salary limits for all GAs, regardless of funding sources. While there was general support for the language approved in 2004 concerning GAs funded by external or other non-state appropriation or tuition-based sources, some Sub-Meet members expressed concern that if the ceiling for all GA salaries is lifted and becomes inconsistent, there is then little incentive for administration to fund increases for the minimum GA salary.

It was decided that the Dean and Chris Mickle will bring to the next meeting a list of current troublesome GA appointment issues, so the Sub-Meet can begin to address potential policy changes.

The meeting was adjourned.

Approved by:

Anne E. Blackhurst, Interim Dean
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Tim Secott, Chair
Faculty Association Graduate Committee