

Graduate Council Minutes

November 19, 2013

Dr. Richardson called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. In attendance were: Andrew Bressette, Jill Cochran, Bryce Durbin, Paula Englis, Sherre Harrington, Duane Inman, Brett Kennedy, Karen Kurz, Jacqueline McDowell, Nancy Mercer, Chang Pu, Monica Willingham, Jessica Flood (student), Rebecca Henry (student).

The minutes of October 29, 2013 were approved by voice vote.

Old Business

Campbell School of Business:

- Proposal: CHANGE BUS 685 Strategies of World-Class Organizations. Delete MGT 655 as the prerequisite.
- Proposal: CHANGE BUS 697 Independent Study/Internship. Change description.

BUS proposals *approved by voice vote*.

Charter School:

- Proposal: CHANGE EDU 588 Clinical Practice (P-5). Add EDU 642 Instructional Management as prerequisite.
- Proposal: CHANGE EDU 589 Clinical Practice (4-12). Add EDU 642 Instructional Management as prerequisite.
- Proposal: CHANGE EDU 591 Student Teaching. Add EDU 642 Instructional Management as prerequisite.
- Proposal: CHANGE EDU 597 Internship I. Add EDU 642 Instructional Management as prerequisite.

EDU proposals above *approved by voice vote*.

- Proposal: DELETE EDU 641 Action-Based Research Seminar.
- Proposal: CHANGE EDU 626 Action-Based Research Applied Project from 2-0-2 to 3-0-3.

EDU proposals above *approved by voice vote*.

- Proposal: change graduate teacher education catalog language to update INTASC date (to 2011) and required assessment description from "GACE Basic Skills" to "Program Admission Assessment."

EDU proposals above *approved by voice vote*.

Separate Graduate student graduation

- Proposal: Separate the Graduate from Undergraduate graduation ceremony for spring semester and hold the graduate ceremony the evening before the undergraduate ceremony.

Discussion: Dr. Richardson asked for feedback from schools on the proposal. There were no significant concerns raised. Dr. Kurz indicated that the only concern was how difficult it might be to coordinate travel for graduate students given the proposed time.

It was moved and seconded to consider one ceremony. Dr. Richardson commented about the plan to confer degrees three times a year, at the end of each semester. This would help with students who complete in summer and would also allow Berry to consider the need for a formal fall commencement ceremony. Dr. Richardson indicated that Provost Office would coordinate separate graduate ceremony as has always been the case. She added that Cabinet has charged Dean Heida to discuss with the undergraduate students the idea of having a single graduation ceremony at the end of the spring semester. If the college moved in that direction, there would likely be a transition time before the single-ceremony policy were implemented.

Dr. Richardson also mentioned that she would rely on the school deans to make recommendations for faculty representation for both ceremonies.

The motion to hold a separate graduation ceremony for graduate students the night before the undergraduate ceremony was *approved by voice vote*.

New Business

- Proposal: change in EDS Curriculum and Instruction Major to reduce required hours to 30 hours by deleting the required 600-700-level elective course.

Discussion:

Dr. Kurz commented that this change will put the program requirements more in line with similar programs at other institutions. The change may also increase the likelihood of spring completions. Dean McDowell indicated that eliminating the elective requirement will make it more flexible for students.

It was moved, seconded and *approved by voice vote* to waive first reading.

The proposal was *approved by voice vote*.

Next meeting will be January 21, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 AM.

Chair: Kathy Brittain Richardson

Secretary: Bryce E. Durbin

Addendum to November 19 Minutes (added February 17, 2014):

A proposal to alter the curriculum of the EDS program was submitted and voted upon by electronic ballot. The proposal was to DELETE the elective course requirement for the EDS major. A copy of the Curriculum Amendment Form follows.

Ballots were collected by the Provost's Office and counted by Bryce Durbin.

Ten voted in favor of approving the proposal. There were none opposed. The proposal *passed by electronic ballot*.