

Graduate Council of the Faculty Senate
Monday, December 12, 2011
University Hall, room 114
2-3 PM

Present: Stan Buchanan (chair), Liz O’Laughlin (vice chair), Susan Yeargin (Secretary), Jay Gatrell, Larry Tinnerman, Will Barratt, Valerie Holmes, Jolynn Kuhlman, Dorothy Yaw, Brian Coldren, Liz Brown, Deb Mallory, Susan Powers, Elaina Tuttle

- Call to Order from Chair: 2:03pm
- Approval of minutes of 11/28/2011: motion and approved 5-0-2
- Reports:
 - Chairperson S. Buchanan
 - Senate passed the policy for “assessment of prior learning” with an amendment to allow exceptions with an appeal from a program
 - Discussion about the grad council’s role in the awareness/approval of changing the method of delivery of curriculum within existing CGPS programs. The faculty senate has charged the grad council to consider its involvement in change of delivery.
 - The chair has created a BB site. Documents will be posted on the site starting next semester. The secretary will provide announcements that documents have been posted for review
 - Discussion of meeting times for Spring semester. S. Yeargin will create a doodle to determine the “best” day/time for next semester. S. Buchanan will analyze and propose day/time.
 - Faculty senate liaison
 - Charged the Grad Council with deciding its role in mode of delivery in graduate programs and if the model at the undergraduate level can work at the graduate level. Discussion of consistency of content delivery (in-class vs on-line), assurance of learning, proposed programs must have assessment plans included in their applications.
 - Administrative
 - Registrar: None at this time
 - Library: None at this time
 - CGPS (J. Gatrell)
 - President Bradley has approved ear marked monies for the CGPS. A call will go out to all programs for support at local and regional level recruitment.
 - Assistantships, a cut in allocation has occurred. This may be addressed through tuition waiver monies. Non-academic assistantships will be streamlined. Grad students will be considered as FTEs next year. Asses current “floors” to become more competitive. Memo no later than the first of the year with decisions made about stipend and tuition monies as well as the number of assistantships. Discussion of instate vs out of state status as well as deployment and usage of the “20 hrs/wk”. The

dean discussed the basics of determining assistantships for Colleges/programs with individual decisions at the dean level of the College.

- Student representatives: None at this time
- Old/Unfinished/Ongoing Business
 - Masters in Computer Science was tabled last meeting. S. Powers indicated no progress. Will keep the council updated. Kept tabled.
 - Request for exception of 30% prior learning and transfer credit rule by MS in Sport Management (Tom Sawyer)
 - Removed from table 7-0-0
 - Discussion of the proposed exception. Key points: exams to assess prior learning are already in place, the program is accredited. Requesting an exception of the rule for up to 50% (transfer credits + assessment of learning through examination).
 - Approval of the exception 6-2-0
 - Other old business: None at this time
- New Business
 - Request to eliminate the MA in Special Ed (Diana Quatroche).
 - Discussion (J. Gatrell) of the reasons why this was occurring. The department provided support of the removal. Student impact will be minimal
 - Approval: 6-0-0
 - Other new business: None at this time
- Adjournment. 6-0-0 at 2:42pm