

## GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

February 4, 2011  
208 Thurmond Hall

Members present: Andy Doyle, Gary Alderman, Mel Horton, Tom Polaski, Jane Thomas, Chelsea Pedersen (student)

Guests present: Yvonne Murnane, Jack DeRochi, Katie Dykhuis (for Margaret Williamson), Gina Jones, Matthew Manwarren (representing the Music department).

- I. The minutes from the October 29, 2010 meeting were approved.
- II. Dean Murnane reported on Graduate School/Summer Session activities and updates, including the new Learning Compass summer camps, graduate international view book, reminder that Jane LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award nominations due March 4, enrollment numbers, and changes to the GRE general test. Dean's report is included below.
- III. Old Business
  - a. Council discussed the pros and cons of implementing plus/minus grading at the graduate level and reviewed supporting data. Proposal was made to bring plus/minus grading before Graduate Faculty Assembly to vote on and if it is implemented then change catalog language. Proposed catalog language would indicate that graduate students in their first 18 hours would be put on probation if GPA falls below 2.85. Students with more than 18 hours would be put on probation if GPA falls below 3.0. Council agreed to bring proposal before GFA at next meeting, March 11, 2011.
  - b. Dean Murnane reported that the Graduate Directors asked if academic dismissal policy should be changed to limit the number of times a dismissed student can be re-admitted. Council agreed to leave current policy as-is, with no specifically stated limitation.
- IV. New Business
  - a. Grade of N: Dean Murnane asked if the graduate catalog should have a more descriptive definition of N. Graduate catalog currently defines N as "No Grade." Undergraduate catalog defines N as "No Grade, indicating the student withdrew from the course". Motion was made to change the graduate catalog definition of N to match the undergraduate definition. Council agreed; graduate catalog language will be changed.
  - b. Dean Murnane announced that the tenure track requirement has been removed from the graduate faculty nomination form per the 2009 by-laws.
  - c. Council voted to give faculty status to all thirteen faculty members who were nominated.

- V. Curriculum changes – all were approved
- a. Add a piano pedagogy track to the existing M.M. MPER degree program to attract piano teachers in the region.
  - b. Add the ability to offer chemistry certification through all M.A.T. formats. Providing an option for chemistry certification will benefit students in the UG Chemistry program that would like to have certification in their field and will benefit local school districts by providing certified chemistry teachers at the secondary level.
  - c. Add SPFA 620-Compliance for Intercollegiate and Interscholastic Athletics as an additional elective for the M.S. SPFA program.
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Dykhuis

## **GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING**

### **DEAN'S REPORT**

**February 4, 2011**

#### 1. Announcements

-Summer Youth Experience: Learning Compass Feb 9 Roll Out

-International Graduate View Book

-Reminder: Nominees for the Jane LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award due to the Graduate School by March 4, 2011.

-New test for English language: Pearson Test of English (only available now in China, India, the US, Japan, South Korea, Australia, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Canada.)

#### 2. Enrollment

-886 degree seeking students (final for 2010 is 880)

-132 non-degree students: 69 are WPDS with more to be registered and 63 are non-degree life long learners/potential degree-seeking students

- 575 PT and 311 FT
- 260 enrolled in CAS
- 177 enrolled in COB
- 375 enrolled in COE (including certification only)
- 84 enrolled in CVPA

### 3. Banner transition

-Graduate program coordinators have access to viewing all the scanned documents for applications. Still need patience from all as we develop the work flow process; in March we will begin to develop the work flow process.

### 4. Graduate Research and Travel Support

- Met with Dwight Dimaculangan, director of undergraduate research council, to brainstorm ideas
- Will work with Graduate Directors and draft criteria for receiving financial support for both travel and research; goal is to have this in place for Fall 2011.

### 5. GRE Revised General Test

-The Graduate School will send out to graduate directors and graduate program directors information about the revised test. Two important details are 1) starting August 1 all students will take the revised test; and 2) the students' scores will not be available until November as ETS develops concordance tables for old and new scores. Grad School will have some information on our website and links to GRE information.