

University Graduate Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

3:00 pm

Sherrick 114

In Attendance:

Yves Idzerda (Sciences – College of L&S)
Anne Christensen (College of Business)
Alan Dyer (College of Agriculture)
Josh DeWeese (College of Arts & Arch.)
Melis Edwards (Graduate School)
Kathryn Plymesser (CoE Graduate Students)
Donna Negaard (Graduate School)
Helen Melland (College of Nursing)

William Ruff (EHHD)
Jean Shreffler-Grant (College of Nursing)
Donna Williams (College of Nursing)
Laura Collins (Graduate School)
Randy Babbitt (Physics)
Lisa Brown (Extended University)
Amanda Brown (Graduate School)
Ronald Larsen (Interim Dean – Graduate School)

Absent:

- Meeting started at 3:05pm
- CH: Yves Idzerda

- March minutes approved

- No comments from campus

- Chair/Vice Chair volunteers and nominations
 - Yves Idzerda nominated as Chair -- voted in
 - Hold off to nominate Vice Chair

- Review and discussion of double counting credits for degrees and certificates
 - Randy Babbitt and Lisa Brown
 - New degree proposal for Masters in Optics -- can be dual degree for Masters in Physics, Chemistry, Electrical Engineering
 - MSU Northern Masters students take CSNL 658 which is equivalent to MSU's LAC 503. Would like to be able to count this course towards LAC cert.
 - Concerns, Comments, & Questions (group discussion):
 - Dual degree policy in comparison to other schools (handout provided)
 - Current policy allows all Cert. credits to roll into Masters
 - Concern: student getting degree at other campus, may not have the same coursework
 - Banner can handle dual degrees
 - May be viewed as "Master and a Half" due to less total credits
 - Very few programs where overlapping coursework would be concern
 - LAC Certificate (group discussion):
 - Currently allow all Certificate credits to count toward Degree
 - Will need to change department requirements to take either/or to fulfill state requirements for licensure
 - Proposals (group discussion):
 - 20% overlapping coursework
 - Students must apply to both programs
 - Define stricter standards

- Transfer credits count toward 20%
 - No bonus for students applying to both programs
 - Graduate School to submit revised policy to UGC in October
- College of Nursing Masters program proposal
 - Helen Melland and Donna Williams
 - Proposal for quality, better outcomes and patient care (strong push in field to better educate nurses for profession)
 - 4 other programs in state that educate nursing students to enter field with Associate Degree (ADRN)
 - Strong research shows higher education yields better nursing professionals
 - Proposal allows Associate Degree students to go straight to Masters Degree instead of stopping out to pursue Bach. first
 - MSU is currently the only program in state for Masters in Nursing
 - Students must complete bridge courses (400 level) to ensure competency
 - Questions, Concerns, and Comments (group discussion):
 - Board of Regents review in January & March.
 - Advertising cannot occur before approval of the program by Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.
 - Recommendations to Dean by Council:
 - Must be fully licensed as RNs prior to admission to Graduate School; replace wording that states Bach. Degree with RN
 - Projected tuition for bridge classes should be calculated at the Graduate rate, not Undergraduate rate.
 - Motion approved to move forward with proposal and recommendation
- Useful items for meeting:
 - Attendance sheet for committee that identifies all members, tenure, and school/department
 - Graduate handbook
- Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm
- Next meeting on October 15, 2013