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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #1029

October 24, 2013

Present: Calderon, Caswell, Christ, Clayton, Coon, Czarnecki, Fontana, Milambiling, Muhayimana, Nesbit, Noh, Pohl, Schmitz

Absent: Licari, Ogbondah, Stokes

Guests: Joy Thorson, Diane Wallace

The meeting was called to order by Chair Clayton. Motion by Pohl to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2013 meeting; seconded by Czarnecki. Motion approved.

Graduate College Reports - Coon reported that the GCCC is continuing work on curriculum proposals. She is also working on PDA reports to go to the Board office. Clayton mentioned that she had attended one of the GCCC meetings and thanked the committee for its detailed discussions and all the hard work that is being done behind the scenes.

Chair of Graduate Faculty Report - Pohl reminded Council members that Raj Rajendran would be presenting "Identifying Attributes that *Really* Matter" on Monday, November 4 from Noon to 12:50 p.m. in the Presidential Room, Maucker Union. Kevin Finn from HPELS will present "Studies in Hungary: Reflections of a Fulbright Experience," on November 13 in the Presidential Room. She reported that she and Clayton were contacted by faculty from Communication Studies and Languages & Literatures regarding presenting a session entitled, "The Digital Turn: A Roundtable." Pohl said she had viewed the video related to the presentation and encouraged Council members and colleagues to attend and to invite their students.

New Business

Discussion and vote on whether or not to make the Ed.D. recency policy change (from 7 to 10 years), approved at the September 12th meeting, retroactive – Clayton said that since the recency policy has changed from 7 to 10 years, there are now two groups/cohorts of Ed.D. students; the students who entered under the policy of 7 years of recency and then new students who will enter under the policy of 10 years of recency. The question that has arisen is whether or not the 10-year policy can retroactively apply to the students who entered under the 7-year policy. Clayton said that there are two issues, one being fairness to students so everyone is following the same policy and the second is that it would be easier when making degree statements and in working with the advisement report. Clayton pointed out that the 7-year policy has applied since 2009, so there are approximately 3-4 years where students were admitted under a different policy and the question is whether they should be allowed to have the same policy. Coon had a concern that a student would choose to switch to the new curriculum, which would generate many student requests for substitutions, just so they can get the 10-year recency policy. She added that the course requirements are much different; a student could choose to switch if it is beneficial, but couldn't switch

back. Milambiling clarified that the new curriculum is tied in with the 10-year recency and there will be different requirements. Clayton responded that there will be a curriculum proposal coming through from the Ed.D. Intensive Study Area and what has already been discussed by the Council is just a portion of the proposal.

Clayton said that if the Council doesn't make any changes, students who are admitted under 7-year recency cannot have 10 years, unless they change to the new degree requirements. If they choose to do that, there will be *many* new degree requirements and they have to do all of them or make substitutions in order to have the 10-year recency. For many students it would not be in their best interest to switch. It was noted that exceptions could be requested. Coon said that related to the new proposed requirements a question was raised that if a student is coming upon their 7 years, should they switch to the new curriculum to get 10 years or should they request an extension. The answer is that it would be better for the student to request an extension. Fontana said that it would make the process easier to make the 10-year recency retroactive and not have to worry about the dealing with system issues or substitutions.

Motion by Czarnecki to allow the previously approved 10-year recency policy to retroactively apply to current Ed.D. students; seconded by Fontana. Motion approved.

Discussion and approval of a partial curriculum packet from CBA

Departments of Management and Marketing – Coon stated that Management had one new course and Marketing had minor changes to descriptions for a number of their courses.

Motion by Christ to approve curriculum packets for both the Department of Management and the Department of Marketing; seconded by Pohl. Motion approved.

Discussion and approval of a partial curriculum packet from CSBS

School of Applied Human Sciences – Coon said that a new Family Services course has been added and Counseling made a change in the description of the repeatability of their internship course.

Motion by Pohl to approve curriculum packet for the School of Applied Human Sciences; seconded by Czarnecki. Motion approved.

Department of Geography - Clayton noted that the curriculum packet included a request to change the name of their certificate. Coon added that there was a certificate name change, an elective was added to the certificate and a specific statement was added to note that the certificate is available to graduate students as well as undergraduates. There were minor course revision changes as well.

Motion by Pohl to approve the curriculum packet for the Department of Geography seconded by Milambiling. Motion approved.

Department of Political Science – It was noted that a new course was added that had

previously been taught as an experimental course and would not require any major resource allocation issues.

Motion by Pohl to approve the curriculum packet for the Department of Political Science; seconded by Schmitz. Motion approved.

Master of Public Policy Program – Clayton stated that the Master of Public Program has asked for a 1-year suspension of admissions in order to reorganize the program. Coon stated her main concern was how this would impact recruitment for the program. The interim program director addressed those concerns. Brief discussion followed.

Motion by Milambiling to approve the one-year suspension of admissions for the Master of Public Policy Program; seconded by Christ. Motion approved.

Department of Social Work – Coon said that the department is reworking their degree requirements and course structure. She explained that Social Work has two tracks; 2-year program for students who do not have an undergraduate degree in Social work and an advanced standing program for students who have an undergraduate degree in Social Work from a certified program. They are lowering the number of 6000 credits, which will still be well above the minimum for a non-thesis degree. They will also change the structure of their practicum experiences.

Motion by Pohl to approve the curriculum packet for the Department of Social Work; seconded by Czarnecki. Motion approved.

Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology – Coon said that there were changes to the prerequisites of four courses. Most of the courses previously required 15 hours of Sociology coursework before taking and now require 12 credits of Sociology, including a specific course as a prerequisite for all those courses.

Motion by Pohl to approve the curriculum packet for the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology; seconded by Schmitz. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in Lang 115.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Nedrow
Secretary