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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #864

March 27, 1997

Present: Bankston, Chao, Crew, Decker, East, Kashef (for Kirmani), Osman, Raiklin, Stefanich

Absent: Dedrick, Finder, Hageman, Jackson, Krapfl, Safford, Somervill, Walker

Guests: Mohammed Fahmy (Industrial Technology), Fred Abraham (Economics)

Osman moved that Minutes #863 be approved as published. Motion was seconded by Bankston and passed.

There was no Graduate Dean's report due to Dean Somervill being out of town.

Crew reminded the Council of the upcoming Graduate Faculty meeting scheduled for March 31st. Please attend. Crew also announced a reminder to all colleges that one of the Graduate Council representatives must be elected in their college-wide elections this semester.

East opened discussion for a 100g-level implementation recommendation. There were three parts to this recommendation.

To better carry out long-standing, but unenforced policy, the Council will:

have current catalog copy (page 153, para.4) revised from

"Freshmen may not register for 100(g) level courses. Only in very special cases may an exception be granted by the appropriate department head."

to

"Freshmen and sophomores may not register for 100(g) level courses. Only in very special cases may an exception be granted by the appropriate department head."

instruct the Registrar to restrict enrollment in 100(g) level courses to students with at least a junior standing.

have future catalog copy include "junior standing" as a prerequisite in each 100(g) level course--use of "junior standing or consent..." will be discontinued because it (instructor consent) is always implied.

Stefanich moved to have the catalog changed as stated above. Decker seconded it, and the Council unanimously voted to accept the change.

East pointed out that the policy of not permitting freshmen and sophomores to take 100g level courses has been in existence since 1985, but not enforced because it was not written in the catalog. He stressed its importance in determining what constitutes a g-level course. There needs to be truth in advertising.

Abraham raised a concern regarding three courses, Money and Banking, 920:113; Intermediate Macro, 920:103; Intermediate Micro, 920:104. Sophomore Economic majors typically take these courses as a required intermediate sequence. These three courses are listed as g-level courses for the graduate teachers coming back to further their degree/certification. He did not realize that this was an existing policy and was not objecting, but did raise concern.

Several alternatives were presented for dealing with the situation described by Abraham, such as double listing courses or using course number xxx:286 (studies in...) for graduate students and then taking the g off the sophomore courses.

Crew opened discussion of the graduate curriculum process. He stated that the Council needs to identify who is on the Graduate College Curriculum Committee and what vacancies need to be filled. Chao, committee chair, provided Crew with a list. New representatives are needed for Business, Education, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. Crew also stated that the Graduate College Curriculum Committee needs to arrange a schedule that coordinates with the University Curriculum Committee's schedule because the curriculum review process should occur simultaneously. The Council discussed the role of the Graduate College Curriculum Committee. Fahmy indicated that the role is to approve, not to edit, curriculum.

The Graduate Council must elect a Council member to the new Faculty Strategic Planning Committee. Phil East volunteered his services and there were no further nominations. Chao moved and Decker seconded to close nominations. Phil East was approved unanimously and will be the Graduate Council's Faculty Strategic Planning Committee representative.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicky Meints
Secretary

Next meeting will be April 10, 1997 at 3:30 pm in Seerley 3