

University-Wide Graduate Committee Minutes

November 16, 2010

Attendance

Faculty

Baumer, Matt	P	Moore, Scott	P
Gu, Linwu	P	Norris, Linda	P
Gunter, Val	P	Palmisano, Susan	P
Janosko, Joanne	P	Piper, David	P
Kuo, Yu-Ju	P	Robertson, Shari	NP
Laverick, DeAnna	P	Smith, J.B.	P
Mack, Tim	NP	Woodland, Dawn	P
Martin, Jamie	NP		

Students

Donna Salazar	P	Kelly Cordero	NP
Robert Phillips	P		

Others Present

Donna Griffith	
Dennis Giever	

- Meeting called to order by David Piper at 3:30 p.m.
- Agenda APPROVED on a Woodland/Moore motion.
- November 9, 2010 minutes were APPROVED as submitted on a Palmisano/Moore motion.

Announcements

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- Dr. Piper: This is his last meeting before the break. He will not be here on Nov. 30.
- Dr. Baumer: Shared concerns regarding an APSCUF-based discussion regarding PASSHE's involvement in the curriculum process, specifically the Safety Sciences proposal for which changes were recommended after it received approval from the UWGCC.
- Dr. Piper elaborated on this committee's recommendation to include a research course, which Jim Moran did not want (more safety sciences courses were recommended). We are at a crossroads with what is happening in the State System. Dr. Piper also discussed the rigor of this Ph.D. program after changes were recommended by PASSHE.

- We will know after the break what they are going to do with this program and whether it will be sent back to this committee.
- Dr. Griffith is checking on the status of this situation for the Graduate Catalog. Dr. Griffith believes that it is being inserted into the Catalog, per Senate notes (which is usual practice), rather than what PASSHE changed.
- Dr. Piper noted that we don't know what changes were made, other than a letter from PASSHE stating that it was approved. The question was asked whether the Graduate School gets a letter. Dr. Griffith doesn't have a letter but someone else might have it (such as the Associate Provost's office).
- Dr. Piper expressed that a standard procedure is needed, especially if PASSHE is involved.
- Dr. Moore wondered if this situation is similar to what happened with Communications Media. Dr. Piper said that the Safety Sciences proposal is very different. He wondered where the line is drawn with what constitutes acceptable changes.
- Dr. Griffith attended a meeting about the multi-university application. It will be a one-page portal. Our communications should not be affected. This was supposed to happen in 1999. The fee is \$5.00 per application. She is the only IUP representative and graduate representative on the committee across PASSHE. Our goal is to build the "request for information" then the RFP will be submitted, before applications are accepted via the portal for student admits for Fall 2012. We will not lose our "identity;" we can still use our website and the applications will return back to us.
- Dr. Griffith said that we will not be permitted to replace Sandy Pembleton. The concern for the impact on the curriculum process was noted, since she was the single connectivity point in the curriculum process. A committee member wondered whether the UWGCC should draft a letter to advocate for filling this position.

New Business

Curriculum

There were no new curriculum proposals brought forward.

Business in Progress

Curriculum

Proposal	Date Assigned	Sub-committee	Action	Returned to committee	Action
Variability in Program Delivery in Gifted	9/7	2	9/28 Decision withheld		

Education			pending the receipt of 2 D.E. Course proposals		
Level II Degree Program Revision - Business	9/7	2	9/28 Returned to Proposing Department for revisions Discussion – need for more information regarding how new objectives will be implemented in each of the 13 courses.	10/12 Further discussion in response to email from proposers. Committee still requires comparison of old/new objectives. 11/16/10 The submission was clarified	11/16 Passed
Level III Minor Revision Variability of Delivery MBA-E	9/7	2	10/19 – Returned for additional information: List of courses in MBA-E track and verification that all have been passed as D.E. courses	11/16 All courses are now approved for D.E.	11/16 Passed
FIN 630 Distance Ed Course	10/26	2	11/16/10		11/16 Passed
SWMD New Program	10/26	1	11/16: Dr. Giever attended the meeting to answer questions and provide the committee with additional information regarding this new program. Sub 1 needs to have a detailed report for next meeting		

PLSC 565	11/09	2			
CRIM/PLSC 744	11/09	2			
MFA – minor program revision (level III)	11/09	2			
MA in Art – Major Program Revision Level II)	11/09	1	Needed for December		

Policy

None at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05.