

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 5, 2017

The Graduate Council met at 12:34 pm in Thomas Boyd Hall in Room 135 with the following members present: Adams, Broussard, Cai, Chance, Frick, Gansle, Husseneder, Lane (ex-officio), Lee (ex-officio), Lindau, Massé (ex-officio), Page, Perry, Pojman, and Sharky. Absent members were de Queiroz, Lockridge, Marchand, and Mocan.

Minutes of August 29, 2017

The minutes from the August 29, 2017 meetings were moved for approval by Perry, seconded by Chance, and the motion was passed.

Academic Affairs Report

No report.

Dean's Report

Welcoming of new Council members and new Assistant to the Dean: Massé introduced and welcomed new council members Bruce Sharky and Claudia Husseneder. In addition to council members, Massé introduced the new Assistant to the Dean, Rodney Goldsmith.

Chair's Report

No report.

New Business

Klimenko Posthumous Degree: Dean Massé presented a request for a posthumous award of Ph.D. to Denis Klimenko. Klimenko passed away on Friday, September 15, 2017. Klimenko was set to receive his degree at the 2017 Fall Semester graduation. Gansle moved to approve, Broussard seconded, and the motion was passed unopposed.

RNR Reduced PhD Hours: Chuck Lindau inquired whether representatives from the departments requesting changes would be attending upcoming meetings. Massé stated that is usually what happens, however invitations were not issued for today's meeting because of the previous Assistant to the Dean's departure.

Faculty in the School of Renewable Natural Resources met on April 10th, 2017, and unanimously agreed that changes in course requirements would benefit students in the Ph.D. program. Currently, students are required to complete a minimum of 48 hours of post-baccalaureate coursework and 9 hours of dissertation research to complete their doctorate. The RNR faculty is requesting that the total number of hours in the PRNR program be reduced from 57 to 54, with a minimum of 34 hours of post-baccalaureate coursework and 20 hours of dissertation research hours. This would be the minimum requirement but, as always, the graduate committee determines the program of study for any given student, and it may be that many students would take more than 34 hours of courses to improve their knowledge base in RNR and associated disciplines (e.g., Experimental Statistics, Biology, Geography, Oceanography). Lindau moved to approve, Chance seconded, and the motion was passed.

DMA Non-Thesis Option: The Faculty in the School of Music propose that a non-thesis option be offered for the Doctor of Music Arts degree. The final project for the non-thesis option focuses on performance-based activities and related repertoire classes. The changes create a non-monograph/written project option for the Doctor of Musical Arts (DMUS) degree. The current degree program includes 6-9 credit hours of research credit. In lieu of writing a monograph or final document, the new curriculum would provide an option for students in these programs to present additional recitals, complete additional coursework related to the field of study, or a combination of both. Gansle moved to approve, Sharky seconded, and the motion passed unopposed.

FMA-SABA Changes in Rubric and Minor: The faculty of the Interdisciplinary Program in Film and Media Arts are requesting to change all course rubrics labeled "FMA" to "SABA." This rubric change is needed to match the proposed degree program in Screen Arts that will replace the current curriculum in Film and Media Arts. The BOR recently gave full approval to the Letter of Intent to develop the Screen Arts undergraduate degree on 06.21.17. The program proposal will move to the 10.13.17 Board of Supervisors meeting once approvals of all university channels have been received. Broussard moved to approve, Chance seconded, Gansle abstained. The motion passed.

IE PhD Letter of Intent: The faculty of the Industrial Engineering (IE) Program and the Mechanical and Industrial Engineering Department submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI) for the establishment of a PhD degree program in Industrial Engineering. A document with the essentials of the proposed PhD curriculum in IE is also included with the standard Board of Regents LOI form. Chance suggested that the matter be tabled until representative is able to come and answer additional questions. Sharky moved to approve and asked that the proposers be advised that it is likely that reviewers at other levels will want further clarification of several issues: Is seven faculty members adequate? Will this draw from support for existing programs/students? Gansle seconded, and the motion passed unopposed

New Courses PHYS AGRO EMS HORT: Proposals to add the following courses: PHYS 7347 Quantum Information Theory, PHYS 7348 Quantum Computation, AGRO 7010 Teaching Practicum, EMS 7010 Teaching Practicum, and HORT 7010 Teaching Practicum. In addition to adding courses, approve EMS 4040, Environmental Instrumental Analysis, for graduate credit. Perry moved to approve, Chance seconded, and the motion passed unopposed.

MUS 4225 Request to Change: A proposal to change the following course: MUS 4225 Collegium Musicum was presented. Perry explained the proposal is to provide a 'zero credit' option for the course. Broussard moved to approve, Adams seconded, and the motion passed unopposed.

MBA Part-Time GMAT-GRE Waiver: The Flores MBA Program seeks to eliminate the GRE/GMAT for all applicants to the part-time MBA formats (Professional, Executive, and Online). The GRE/GMAT will remain a requirement for candidates in the full-time MBA format. The Flores MBA Program faculty and leadership support waiving these tests as an admission criterion. The following serve as a basis for the request: The part-time MBA formats are designed for working professionals who seek an MBA degree while continuing their current employment; most of our peer and aspirant MBA programs do not require this assessment for admission to their respective part-time programs; Over the last several years, an analysis of undergraduate grades and final grades in the MBA program indicate that the GRE/GMAT does not indicate success as a graduate student.

The council requested revision of the proposal to address: 1) specific examples of peer institution that do not require the GRE/GMAT for part time students only; 2) reconciliation of different requests in the first and last sentences of the proposal; 3) the issue of whether the curricular standard will be the same for part- and full-time students; 4) documentation of the analysis referred to in point 3. Frick motioned to table, pending revisions, Adams seconded, and the motion to table passed.

Old Business

Revisions to PS-21 on Graduate Assistantships: Presented by Massé. There are central issues in the revisions: 1) minimum stipend amount, 2) students working on campus/the number of hours worked, and 3) limitations on off-campus opportunities.

Committees' Brief Meeting (10 minutes Standing; 10 minutes sub-committees):

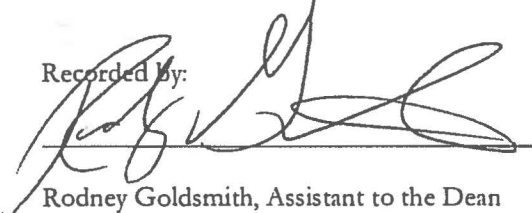
- Promotion and Tenure (Chair: Don Chance)
- Awards (Chair: Timothy Page)
- Graduate Faculty
- Grad Council Webpage (Chair: John Pojman)
- Revision of By-Laws
- Awards Protocol/Rubric

Pending: Expansion of the graduate council (6 associate & full professors by appointment of the Dean/VP)

Next Meeting: Monday, October 30, 2017 from 3:30-5:00pm in 135 David Boyd Hall.

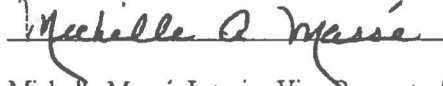
Meeting Adjourned: 1:45 pm

Recorded by:



Rodney Goldsmith, Assistant to the Dean

Approved by:



Michelle Massé, Interim Vice Provost of
Graduate Studies

