

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

February 27, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm with the following members present Lockridge (Chair), Richardson (ex-officio), Wicks (ex-officio), Adams, Chance, Francis, Gansle, Husseneder, Lindau, Perry, Piccoli, Pojman, Raffoul, Seifried, and Sharky.

The following members were absent: Cai, de Queiroz, Frick, and Lee (ex-officio).

Approval of Meeting Minutes- January 30 2019 Minutes

The meeting minutes from January 30th were approved with no objections.

Chair's Report

- Lockridge gave brief synopsis of the Graduate Faculty Meeting held on February 26th.

Interim Dean's Report

- Richardson asked Council Members to let him know if students in their departments inquire about having the same major and minor professor. It came up recently and may require additional clarification soon. A discussion to decide if the minor professor can participate remotely will be made at a later date.
- Policy Updates.
 - The Leave of Absence Policy: The policy says recently passed for undergraduate students, however the policy only says students. OAA stated the meeting minutes reflect the policy is designed for undergraduate students only.
 - Credit for Work Experience. This policy was announced at a recent LSU Online meeting and passed by the ASH Committee. He contacted OAA for additional details on the policy.
 - He will give additional details when they become available.

Academic Affairs' Report

- No Report.

Old Business

Curriculum Change- Admission Requirements Online MS in Civil Engineering

- George Voyiadjis, Chair of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, addressed concerns expressed by members at the previous meeting. Voyiadjis stated the department will abide by the Graduate School's GPA requirement. The GRE requirement will only be waived for students with a professional engineering degree. The online masters degree and regular masters degree are the same.
- Gansle motioned to approve the proposed changes, Lindau seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

New Business

Curriculum Change: Ph.D. in Music Theory

- James Byo, Director of the School of Music, discussed the proposed changes. The department is replacing 2 previously required courses and making them electives. Those courses will be replaced with a newly created course and another course currently offered.
- Gansle motioned to approve the proposed changes, Adams seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Curriculum Change: Ph.D. in Music History

- James Byo, Director of the School of Music, discussed the proposed changes. The department is replacing a current course with a newly created course to meet the need of students.
- Gansle motioned to approve the proposed changes, Francis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Curriculum Change: MM in Musicology

- James Byo, Director of the School of Music, discussed the proposed changes. The department is replacing a current course with a newly created course to meet the need of students.
- Perry motioned to approve the proposed changes, Pojman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Curriculum Change: MLA in Landscape Architecture

- Sharky provided a brief synopsis of the proposed changes to update current courses.
- Pojman motioned to approve the proposed changes, Perry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Request to Offer New Degree: Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering

- Isabelina Nahmens, Graduate Advisor in the Industrial Engineering department, briefly spoke about the proposed degree. The letter of intent was previously approved, and no additional changes were made.
- Chance motioned to approve the proposal, Gansle seconded, and the motion passed with one abstention.

Revised Guidelines about Dissertation Unity

- Richardson briefly summarized the current policy and presented the rationale for revising the policy. After a brief discussion period, members suggested several revisions. Richardson will make the suggested revisions and all members to review at a later meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

Promotion and Tenure: Chance- No Report.

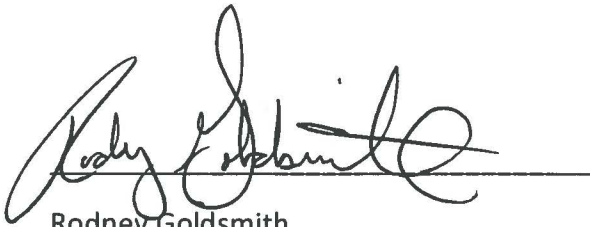
Graduate Faculty: de Queiroz- No Report.

Awards: Pojman- The committee is currently reviewing Dissertation Awards.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:53 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2019, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm in 129 Himes Hall.

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Rodney Goldsmith
Assistant to the Dean

Approved by:

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Malcolm Richardson
Interim Dean of the Graduate School