

Graduate Council
March 10, 2016
Minutes

Members Present

Johnnie Sue Wijewardane	Scott Tollison
Marty Brock	Brian Anderson
Bridget Pieschel	Mark Bean
Kendall Dunkelberg	Monica Riley
Peppy Bidy	Sheila Adams
Tom Richardson	Lynn Dobbs
Marty Hatton	

The Graduate Council met on March 10, 2016, in the Welty Boardroom. The minutes of the February meeting were approved by a unanimous vote.

Council Actions

College of Business & Professional Studies

Marty Brock presented the following curriculum change.

1. Modify a Curriculum – Global Commerce
 - a. Remove the Regional Studies Portfolio requirement

Bridget Pieschel made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Brian Anderson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

College of Arts & Sciences

2. Modify a Curriculum – Women's Leadership
 - a. Correct graduate bulletin with the number of credit hours approved by IHL.

Bridget Pieschel presented the proposal to make the necessary changes to the catalog description. Johnnie Sue made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Brian Anderson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Faculty Credentials

- Nursing -- Alena Lester
- Women's Leadership -- Brother Rogers
- Creative Writing – Allen Wier

The above credentials for graduate faculty were accepted and approved unanimously.

New Business

- Research – Tom Richardson

Research was added to the mission of MUW following the SACSCOC substantive change site visit for the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. The site team argued that the addition of a doctoral program required research as a component of the mission, even though the DNP program is a practice rather than research degree.

MUW's focus on implementing the research component of the mission has been on the DNP, but other graduate programs need to consider how research (or creativity) figures into the expectations for faculty loads and for maintaining quality programs. Although some level of standardization might be desirable, it is also important for each program to have adequate flexibility to fulfill its academic and staffing needs. I would like for graduate program faculty to discuss the research/creative expectations for its faculty and to make recommendations through the department chair and dean to graduate council for the council's consideration in the fall semester. Site team argued that the addition of a doctoral program required research as a component of the mission, even though the DNP program is a practice rather than research degree.

Old Business

- Recommendation to remove test score requirements
Mark Bean, Irene Pintado, and Dee Dee Larson met to review the removal of test scores for admission. It was determined that we are being consistent with other schools in that it is a program level decision to not require test scores. Marty will look into rewriting the form for a policy change or remove it from admission requirements. Also will look every other year review for SACS documentation and the bulletin and webpages to see how we are actually doing the procedures.
- International Financial Backing Statement
Marty will check with MSU to see what they do and also what IHL policy states for undergraduate and graduate.
- On campus graduate events
Marty Brock, Monica Riley and Chad Murphy met and came up with several recommendations.
 - ** Job fair in the fall that Graduate Studies needs to be a large presence
 - ** Have our own event in the fall and have table dressings that are similar, consistent and attractive.
 - ** Targeted groups for recruiting events
 - ** When anyone goes to an event, we need literature from across all programs to take with them to better promote the W graduate programs. Nick can work up something that will be consistent but will need the content.
- Fire Engine-RED Update – Kendall noted that there has been good feedback so far and it has been very helpful. F.E.R. is moving forward with the wrapper for the migration to the web. Looking at a possible June upload.
- Thesis/Dissertation Standards & Templates –Johnnie Sue will form an ad-hoc committee and include someone from the Library to review those templates and standards from MSU and develop some sort of standard for the W.

Our next meeting will be September 8, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. Proposals will be due by noon September 6, 2016.