

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 1999

PRESENT: Mohammad Ahmadi, Janet Barrett, William Blankenau, Randy Busse, Will Drago, Fredrik'a Lambert, Richard Lombard, Susan Michaud, Star Olderman, Manuel Ossers, Jimmy Peltier, Patricia Shaw, Robert Smudde, Bambi Statz, Frank Stekel (for Paul Rybski), Anthony Truog, David Van Doren (for Brenda O'Beirne). 17

ABSENT: Rick Adams, Paul Adogamhe, Marshall Anderson, Scott Bradley, Lynn Courtenay, Wade Dazey, Greg Green, Baocheng Han, Steven Karges, Buffy Lipska, *Lanny Neider, Jing Jing Qu, Carol Rosen, Steve Shields, Janet Thatcher, and Roy Weatherwax. 16

GUESTS: Melissa Frieberg, Anne Stinson, and Don Zahn.

*Previously notified.

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m. by John Stone, substituting for Richard Lee who was attending a Search and Screen Meeting in Madison. Mohammad Ahmadi moved, and Manuel Ossers seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 11, 1999, meeting. Jimmy Peltier noted that the November minutes should reflect that Marilyn Lavin was substituting for him. Noting the correction, the minutes were approved.

Announcements

- A. A grid was distributed with the agenda indicating the current, as well as the target, graduate enrollment by each program if the Chancellor's goal of an eight percent increase is to be met. The Council raised several questions regarding this target and considerable discussion ensued.
- B. The NCA has asked the University to examine the difference between undergraduate and graduate faculty status. Representatives from three of the four colleges have volunteered to serve on this committee. Tony Truog then volunteered to represent the College of Education. This committee will meet two or three times in the spring semester and, hopefully, will have a proposal ready in April.

Business

Pat Shaw moved to approve the five curriculum proposals from the Curriculum and Instruction Department. Dave Van Doren seconded the motion. Melissa Frieberg and Anne Stinson fielded questions from the Council regarding bibliographies, licensure, staff implications, etc.

Jimmy Peltier questioned the evaluation criteria and after considerable discussion, it was discovered that the proposal was, in essence, incomplete, as the department did not attach several pages to the proposal that was distributed with the agenda. Jimmy then moved to table the proposal as no evaluation criteria were built into the proposals. Anne Stinson then read the portion from her copy that explained the evaluation criteria. Satisfied with Anne's explanation, Jimmy then withdrew his motion to table. Manuel Ossers moved, seconded by Tony Truog, to approve the proposals on the condition that the additional pages of rationale be included with the proposals. Discussion then centered on whether the rationale documentation should be *attached* to the proposals or *incorporated into* the proposals. Frank Stekel asked about the budgeting impact and indicated that their description was very vague. He also asked about a couple typos in the proposals. Peltier then amended the motion to indicate that the rationale, outcome, and evaluation should be *incorporated into* each proposal. Star Olderman seconded the amendment to the motion. Manuel Ossers then withdrew his motion - to attach the rationale to the proposals. The motion to approve the course proposals, incorporating the rationale, outcome, and evaluation into each proposal, then passed with one abstention. The original motion to approve the five curriculum proposals was then approved, also with one abstention.

Other Business

With the implementation of the PeopleSoft system on the horizon, the Registrar's Office needs a descriptor of the grades for Graduate Studies, something that was never approved by Graduate Council. John Stone distributed what is currently being used as descriptors, which were perceived as accurate by John Bodensteiner. Frank Stekel moved, seconded by Star Olderman, to approve the definitions. There was ambiguity among the Council as to the meaning of these descriptors (i.e., what is the definition of "average"?) and, after considerable discussion, Manuel Ossers moved to tentatively approve the descriptors to be used for PeopleSoft but will revisit this issue for publication. Randy Busse seconded Manuel's motion which was subsequently approved. The original motion to approve then carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m. on a Peltier/Statz motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Lange
Secretary

Graduate Council

Attendance Sheet for

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Member	Signature	Representing
Adams, Rick		Biological Sciences
Adogamhe, Paul		Political Science
Ahmadi, Mohammad	Mohammed Ahmadi	Mathematics & Computer Science
Anderson, Marshall		Théâtre/Dance
Barrett, Janet	Janet Barrett	Music
Bradley, Scott		Communicative Disorders
Busse, Randy	Randy Busse	Psychology
Courtenay, Lynn		Art
Dazey, Wade		Philosophy & Religious Studies
Drago, Will	Will Drago	Management
Green, Greg		Safety Studies
Han, Baocheng		Chemistry
Karges, Steven		History
Kim, Kirk	William F. Blanker	Economics (Kirk Kim is no longer on this committee. I will be the rep. for Econ.)
Lambert, Fredrik'a	Fredrik E. Lambert	College of Business & Economics
Lipska, Buffy		College of Education
Lombard, Richard	Richard Lombard	Special Education
Michaud, Susan	S. Michaud	Social Work
Molloy, James		Finance & Business Law
Neider, Lanny	^{called} Lanny Neider	Sociology
O'Beirne, Brenda	Brenda O'Beirne	Counselor Education
Olderman, Star	Star S. Olderman	Women's Studies & Anthropology
Ossers, Manuel	Manuel Ossers	Languages & Literatures
Peltier, Jimmy	J. Peltier	Marketing
Qu, Jing Jing		College of Arts & Communication
Rosen, Carol		Geography
Rybski, Paul	Paul Rybski	Physics
Shaw, Patricia	Pat Shaw	Curriculum & Instruction
Shields, Steve		Communication
Smudde, Robert	Robert Smudde	College of Letters & Sciences
Statz, Bambi	Bambi Statz	Business Education & Office Systems
Truog, Anthony	Anthony Truog	Educational Foundations
Weatherwax, Roy		Accounting
Open		Health, Phy Ed, Recreation & Coaching

Guests: Anne Stinson,