

Minutes
Graduate Academic Affairs Committee
December 16, 2016

Members in Attendance: R. Wood, A. Albert, A. Kent, A. Relegert, A. Trees, C. Werner, D. Hall, D. Roby, H. Ardizzone, J. Barber, J. Fu, J. Martin, J. Nichols, L. McLaughlin, L. Willoughby, S. Jayaram, S. Winton

Guests in Attendance: A. Bart and L. Huelman

Call to Order: R. Wood called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes from the November 18, 2016 meeting: Motion was made to approve the November 18, 2016 with two abstentions.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **INTO Pathway Program - Nursing:** Anneke Bart and Lisieux Huelman were present to explain the substantive change and field questions. Anneke explained that they are still working on extending the whole portfolio of pathways. They are yearlong or sometimes semester long curricula that help students get into programs by providing a hybrid between English as a Second Language (ESL) courses and courses in a student's major.

They presented a pathway for the Nursing Ph.D. There are students coming into nursing and need more English help so they asked us to develop the pathway for them. It is very much in line with all of the other ones in that it has a very standard construction. Semester one and two are standard with two courses in the ESL program and two courses in nursing. The only difference is the Summer Quick Start for Nursing which is a summer program consisting of Writing for Research and Reading and Study Skills for Graduate Students. This is a formalization of something we have been doing for years often developed or seen

as being used with our Tai students. These courses are very high touch and individualized due to the low number of students.

It was determined that this is a process for someone to matriculate into a program. It is a curricular construction that should have some coherency and academic integrity. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that this presentation was more for informational purposes explaining the bridge into the existing program.

- Edd in Higher Education Administration:

Rob received feedback and the consensus of opinion was that this was in fact a substantive change. It was a program that has been brought back to life. The requirements have not changed. It has been sent back to Mark Pousson for work within the department.

Old Business:

Pre-proposal process: Rob explained that this process is a way for the Provost to evaluate all of the proposals coming in so he/she can make a strategic decision about whether something is viable. The intent was to prevent extensive work on something that may in the end prove to be unaffordable.

The subject was opened up for discussion with a reminder that this process has been approved by the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee (UAAC).

There was a question regarding what would happen if there was no cost associated with a proposal. They would still use the same process. As long as there was no

duplication of already existing efforts, Rob could not anticipate why a proposal would be denied. The purpose of this is not to stifle academic freedom or creativity but can we afford to do this and does it make sense in this climate. Not to mention saving people a lot of time developing a lengthy proposal that in the end will not fly. The timeline was also in question and considered as problematic. This new procedure will be effective fall of 2017 at the earliest unless there is a hold up. There was a debate as to whether or not to vote on this in December. H. Ardizzone objected to the vote taking place before she could present the proposal to the CAS Faculty Senate. However in order to stick to the timeline, Dr. Wood insisted that the vote take place.

A vote followed the discussion and passed with 11 for, 4 against, and 1 abstention.

Miscellaneous:

The deadline for the Diversity and Presidential Fellowships is January 31st. It was requested that this date be postponed by one week. It was agreed that the deadline date be changed to February 7th. This change was put to a vote and passed unanimously with 2 abstentions. Angie Rellergert will circulate a correction to this date.

Announcements:

The next meeting of this committee will be Friday, January 20, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.