

Graduate Council Minutes
January 9, 2017, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Room 310, Administration Building

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

In attendance: Dr. Tyler Tapps (Chair), Dr. Jeff Thornsberry, Dr. Tiebing Shi, Dr. Jennifer Rytting, Dr. Arley Larson, Dr. David Kiene, Dr. Kurt Fink, Dr. Ajay Bandi, Dr. Greg Haddock, Terri Vogel, Dr. John Katsion at 4:11, Dr. Shelley Hiatt at 4:15 (Dr. Thornsberry left at 5:28)

Guests: Dr. Nathan Eloë, Dr. Scott Bell and Dr. Carole Spradling representing the School of Computer Science and Information Systems. Four graduate students from the School of Computer Science and Information Systems who were appealing an academic charge. Due to confidentiality, the four student names have been recorded in the Provost Office.

Dr. Tapps welcomed all and explained that each side would be given a chance to share their side of the situation, respond to statements made or questions asked by the Council until both sides were satisfied.

Department began:

The assignment in question was given to only graduate level students in a 500 level while the faculty member was attending a conference. The assignment was only required from a small percentage of the class, additional class time was not used to discuss the paper. Students were charged with using direct language from internet sources without citing the source and there was also duplication among the papers that were turned in. Students were charged with plagiarism, received a zero for the assignment and were dropped one letter grade for the class. Although this assignment did not contain any information specific to APA format, the students did participate in a number of different classes and other avenues where plagiarism was discussed along with a department agreement that each student is required to sign. There were a number of questions from the Council to clarify different aspects of this situation.

Student response:

The research assignment was given and part of the instructions stated you could use information “freely” so they did not think this was different from any other assignment. Students were not confused by the instructions and did not seek additional information. Assignment required them to review articles and share their perspective or preference for a software. To this end the students copied and pasted the name and year the article was written along with the article. Citation never came to mind as it had not been required in any of the assignments until this time. Citations were not mentioned in the original assignment.

Following additional information and responses from both the Department and the Students, and additional questions from the Council, both sides were asked to leave the room so that the Council could discuss and reach a decision.

Following further discussion, Dr. Kiene made a motion to uphold the charge of academic dishonesty and add a zero for the assignment but do not drop a letter grade for the course. Dr. Thornsberry seconded the motion. Following more discussion, Dr. Tapps called for a vote to support the motion, 6 yes, 3 opposed. Motion carried to uphold the charge and receive a zero for the assignment.

Dr. Haddock left to talk to the students and will notify the department chair with this decision. The Provost Office was notified of the decision on Tuesday morning, January 10, 2017

Approve minutes of December 2016 meeting, **Arley moved and was seconded by Dr. Katsion, approved 9-yes, 0-no**

1. Graduate Dean Report

- Spring 2017 first day enrollment numbers-overall, the University is down roughly 20%
- Will be meeting with Academic Partners tomorrow for the MBA and the Education programs, expect to have these well underway for fall 2017.
- Move February meeting to February 20, 2017 due to international travel-send change of schedule Dr.Bandi and Dr. Atkins will be traveling with Dr. Haddock to India in February.

Awareness-Expedited Proposals 116-44-09 through 116-44-18 were all approved by the Graduate Dean based on undergraduate catalog changes.

2. 116-44-09-Michael Rogers the following five courses be deleted from the Computer Science and Information Systems list of offerings: 44-140, 44-358, 44-540, 44-456, 44-458
3. 116-44-13-Charles Hoot update the list of approved electives for the Core Computer Science Emphasis: 44-412, 44-425, 44-517, 44-520, 44-599 in undergraduate catalog.
4. 116-44-14-Diana Linville Ten currently offered CSIS courses are being added to the electives options list for students majoring in Interactive Digital Media-Computer Science. Due to the deletion of the 44-540 Visual Application course by CSIS, 44-540 must be removed from the electives list for IDM-CS majors.
5. 116-44-16-Denise Case-CSIS 44-540 Visual Application Development as an elective option: expand the list of approved electives; delete College Algebra as a mathematics options; add 44-101 as an option to take in lieu of 44-130.
6. 116-44-17-Doug Hawley-44-540 Visual Application Development is being removed from the list of possible electives for the data management minor since the courses is no longer offered by CSIS. 44-101 and EDCU 62-130 are being added as options for students pursuing a minor in data management to take instead of 44-130 Computers and Information Technology. 44-155 Introduction to Data Science and Data Mining is being added to the data management minor as a required course, increasing the credit requirement for the minor to 24. Finally, 44-564 Design of Data Intensive Systems is being added to the list of available electives for the data management minor.
7. 116-44-18-Joni Adkins-this proposal modifies the Systems Management minor by removing courses no longer offered, adding a new course as an option, and adding an existing course as an alternative.

No challenges regarding proposals for awareness.

5:40- Dr. Larson made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Dr. Kiene.