

Graduate Council

March 11, 2015, Shared Conference Room #253

Minutes

Graduate council met on Wednesday, March 11th, at 4:00 p.m., in the Shared Conference Room. In attendance: Patricia Drews (Chair), Jeff Thornsberry, Gary MacDonald, Nancy Foley, Arley Larson, Matthew Walker, Sue Myllakangas

Special Guests: Chaturvedula, Narayani Mahathi (student appeal), Kori Hoffman (student affairs) and Dr. Scott Bell (faculty)

1. **Patty Drews called the meeting to order at 4:00**
2. **Arley Larson made a motion to approve the minutes of February meeting and seconded by Matt Walker, the Council unanimously agreed.**
3. **Academic Dishonesty Petition- Narayani Mahathi Chaturvedula and Dr. Scott Bell were both given an opportunity to explain their perspective. Dr. Bell provided students with two different examinations, one asking for the perimeter and one asking for area. Narayani's answer pertained to area even though her exam asked for the perimeter. Following several questions for clarification by the Council, both Narayani Mahathi and Dr. Bell left the room. After additional discussion, Arley Larson made a motion to deny the petition and was seconded by Nancy Foley. The Council voted unanimously with a show of hands to approve the petition and the student was found innocent of the charge. Greg Haddock left the room to explain the decision to Narayani Mahathi and Kori Hoffman, he also sent an email to Dr. Bell. The Provost Office will also be made aware of this decision.**
4. ~~Student Petition for Credit- Chadwick Boyles- Professional Education Department will be available via phone call. (660-214-0928)- material is attached (this item was removed from the agenda per advisor and student)~~
5. Graduate Dean Report-
 - Committee to review and select the Graduate Assistant of the Year. Need decision by March 20, 2015, we have four nominations. **Sue Myllakangas and Nancy Foley agreed to review the nominees.**
 - MAGS Thesis Review process-must submit by October 2015- **Thesis nominations for MAGS will be requested in August and Jeff Thornsberry and Matt Walker will review thesis September/November to meet the timeline.**
 - Leon F Miller recipient this year is Chaitanya Gondela, an APLCS student. Thank you Dr. Thornsberry and Dr. Wanorie for your work selecting a winner.
 - Spring 2015 program enrollment (email pdf on February 20, 2015)
6. Proposal #215-10-01, Dr. Jenny Rytting-The Department of English and Modern Languages would like to clarify the thesis option, already listed in the graduate catalog, in order to avoid confusion and ensure consistency. **Jeff Thornsberry made a motion to approve and was seconded by Arley Larson. Proposal was passed with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.**
7. Proposal #215-10-02, Dr. Jenny Rytting-The Department of English and Modern Languages proposes splitting the umbrella course "English 501: Writing, Language, and Pedagogy," into two courses-English "English 501: Writing and Pedagogy" and "English 503: Language and Linguistics." This division would better meet the needs of our English Education students, based on the DESE requirements for 6 credit hours specifically in the area of language studies including "grammar, dialect, and /or the history of English," for which English 501 is currently used. However, since some iterations of English 501 focus on writing and/or pedagogical issues rather than language per se, this division would ensure that

English Ed students are taking a course that fully matches the DESE requirement it is meant to fulfill. Thus, the new English 503 course would replace English 501 as a requirement for the B.S.Ed and M.S.Ed Teaching: English degrees and certifiable minor; English 501 would remain as an elective. **Gary McDonald made a motion and was seconded by Nancy Foley, motion was approved with a vote of 7-yes and 0-no.**

8. Proposal #215-61-01, Dr. Nancy Foley- Students in all teacher Education programs at Northwest must take Multiculturalism in Education (61-569) as a degree requirement to meet an accreditation requirement. Currently, some programs require a modern language course (14-100) or offer a choice between Multiculturalism in Education (61-559) or a modern language course (14-100). This proposal will result in uniformity across all undergraduate certification programs. These changes do not result in an increase of credit hours for any program. **Matt Walker and Gary McDonald made a motion to consider proposal 215-61-01. Proposal was approved with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.**
9. Proposal #215-17-04, Jawad Sadek-Create a new interdisciplinary undergraduate major in Data Sciences that has 9 credit hours of directed general education, a required core of 40 hrs and options for an area of emphasis according to the following tracks: Computer Science (21 hrs), Business (30 hrs), Molecular Biology (25 hrs), GIS (24 hrs). **Gary McDonald made a motion to approve and was seconded by Arley Larson. Proposal was approved with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.**
10. ****Information Only Proposal #215-17-02, Mary Shepherd-This has sister proposals 215-17-03 & 215-17-04. Proposal is to update the Mathematics and Mathematics Education comprehensive majors and minors to bring them in line with MAA (professional) recommendations and Missouri state certification requirements for education. **Electronic vote was taken with a final vote of 8 yes, 0-no and 1 abstain.**
11. Proposal 215-54-01, Tekle Wanorie, Change the course title for 54-611 from Quantitative Analysis for Management to Business Decision Analysis Tools.
12. Proposal 215-54-02, Tekle Wanorie, Change the course title for 54-642 from Continuous Improvement Techniques and Concepts to Quality Improvement Techniques.
Arley Larson made a motion to combine proposal 215-54-01 and 251-54-02 and was seconded by Jeff Thornsberry, Council approved with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no. Jeff Thornsberry made a motion to approve and Nancy Foley seconded the motion. Proposals 215-54-01 and 215-54-02 were approved with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.