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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of September 17, 2008 meeting

Members Present Patricia Bishop, Deborah Breiter, Ram Mohapatra, Max Poole, Tison Pugh, James Turkson, Art Weeks

Recorder Rhonda Nelson

Guests Present Aaron Liberman, Stephen Holmes, Dan Britt

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Welcome and call to order. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by Ram Mohapatra, chair. Dr. Mohapatra welcomed the members and guests. Introductions of the members followed.

Graduate curriculum procedures and policies. Dr. Bishop reviewed the one page handout that was shared with everyone that included an overview of the duties of the committee and the items that would be reviewed at each meeting. She also discussed the review of course action requests and special topics. It was pointed out that when creating courses for a new program that it is good to review the names and descriptions for uniformity. Also, catalog copy should be reviewed to ensure that the hours of the programs add up correctly.

Graduate Council website. Rhonda gave a brief overview of the Graduate Council website which includes all of the four graduate committees. She pointed out that the agenda items will be uploaded to this website prior to each meeting. The minutes will be posted to the website once the meeting is over.

Confirmation of start times for the meeting. Dr. Mohapatra confirmed the 11:30 start times for the meeting. Everyone was in agreement that these times were good.

Proxy voting. Dr. Mohapatra asked the committee if they wanted to accept proxy voting when the regular members were not available to vote. The committee agreed that this would be acceptable and that members needed to be a member of the graduate faculty of their college and an associate or full professor, and that they were required to attend the meeting.

Suspension of the CLM track in the M.S. in Health Sciences, COHPA. Aaron Liberman gave an overview of the suspension in enrollment for the Clinical and Lifestyle Medicine track. The decision to suspend enrollment was due to the lack of qualified students. There were five students the first year with only one student that was in good academic standing. He shared that he talked with the students and came to agreement with them regarding program changes and transfers. A question was raised about the faculty members assigned to this program. There were two faculty assigned to this track; one has been assigned a full load within another track and the other will be doing a 100% research load. This request received unanimous approval from the committee.

Addition of Planetary Sciences tracks to the MS and PhD in Physics, COS. Dan Britt distributed handout regarding the Planetary tracks. He shared a summary of both the MS and PhD tracks and discussion was held on the required and elective courses. A question was raised regarding the large number of 5000 level courses and if student would be able to meet the 6000 level requirement for these tracks. It was noted that the Ph.D. track had a large amount of 5000 level courses also. The committee asked to see a schedule of what the students would be taking for each track. A suggestion was made to redesign the non split courses as 7000 level courses for the Ph.D. track and move the 5000 level courses to 6000 level. For the Ph.D. track, it was recommended that a research component be added. Dissertation hours should not be listed as an elective. A suggestion also was to consider a research seminar class at a 6000 level. The committee unanimously agreed to table these tracks. The committee asked that Dr. Britt attend a future meeting with the track revisions and to show the list of course schedules for the tracks.

Split classes for the Planetary tracks. The split classes for the tracks were tabled and will be reviewed at an upcoming meeting.

Review of courses and special topics. For a complete list of courses approved, review the attachment listed at the top of this page.

Changes in graduate education. A handout was distributed which included the changes to graduate education, particularly the formation of the College of Graduate Studies. Dr. Bishop reviewed some of the highlights of these changes and informed the committee of some of the research and demographic studies that will be conducted in the future. She shared the duties of the newly formed Graduate Program Review Committee which is now part of the Graduate Council.

Announcements and adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12: 50 p.m. The next meeting will be October 1, 2008, 11:30, MH 243.

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Graduate Curriculum Committee

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See notation below for courses approved or tabled. Any course listed as approved, tabled or withdrawn refers to the course directly below the notation.

College of Arts & Humanities Special Topics

Approved

DIG 6938 Sect 01 CAH-Digital Media 3(3,0)

ST:Digital Media and Propaganda: PR: Admission to School of Film and Digital Media Graduate Program or C.I. Studies the role of digital media in the perception of disinformation and propaganda.

30 character abbreviation: **ST:Digital Media & Propaganda**

College of Arts & Humanities Course Action Additions

Tabled

DIG 6XXX CAH-Digital Media 3(3,0)

Theory & Application of Interactive Performance: PR: SFDM MFA or MA, or C.I. Study of theory and application of concepts for interactive digital media design using scenario construction, character development, and technology. May be used in the degree program a maximum of 5 times only when course content is different.

30 character abbreviation: **Theory & App Interact Perf**

AGENDA NOTES: Special Topic also being proposed.

Tabled. Wait for revisions on English track.

ENG 5XXX CAH-English 3(3,0)

Contemporary Movements in Literary, Cultural, and Textual Theory: PR: Graduate Standing in English or C.I. Theories of literature, cultural, and textual formation since the mid-20th century.

30 character abbreviation: **Cont Movements LCT Theory**

Tabled

ENG 5XXX CAH-English 3(3,0)

Historical Movements in Literary, Cultural, and Textual Theory: PR: Graduate Standing in English or C.I. Theories of literature, cultural, and textual formation from ancient Greece to the mid-20th century.

30 character abbreviation: **Historical Movement LCT Theory**

Tabled

ENG 6XXX CAH-English 3(3,0)

Studies in Literary, Cultural, and Textual Theory: PR: Graduate Standing in English or C.I. Specific topics in the study of literature emphasizing cultural and theoretical issues. May be used in the degree program a maximum of 2 times only when course content is different.

30 character abbreviation: **Studies in LCT Theory**

Tabled

LIT 5XXX CAH-English 3(3,0)

Teaching College Literature: PR: Graduate standing in English or C.I. Pedagogical theory and practical techniques for teaching literature in college and university settings.

30 character abbreviation: Teaching College Literature

Tabled

LIT 6XXX CAH-English 3(3,0)

Capstone Course: PR: At least 18 graduate credit hours in English. Systematic and comprehensive revision of previous graduate writing with special attention to use of theory and professionalization toward the goal of publication and/or conference presentation.

30 character abbreviation: Capstone Course

Tabled

LIT 6XXX CAH-English 3(3,0)

Issues in Literary Study: PR: Graduate Standing in English or C.I. Specific issues and controversies in literature study. May be used in the degree program a maximum of 2 times only when course content is different.

30 character abbreviation: Issues in Literary Study

College of Sciences Course Action Additions

Tabled: Split class. Wait for track revisions.

AST 5XXX COS-Physics 3(3,0)

Advanced Observational Astronomy: PR: Graduate standing in the Physics department or in another department with CI. Experimental design and experimental techniques in astrophysics; spherical astronomy; physics of telescopes and of common astronomical detectors; error analysis.

30 character abbreviation: Adv Observational Astronomy

Tabled: Split class. Wait for track revisions.

AST 5XXX COS-Physics 3(3,0)

Planetary Geophysics: PR: Admission to Physics MS or PhD or CI. The physics of planetary evolution, planetary interiors, and planetary surface processes.

30 character abbreviation: Planetary Geophysics

Tabled: Check with department for actual course in Quantum Mechanics or Physical Chemistry.

PHY 6XXXC COS-Physics 3(2,2)

Theory and Computations of Molecular Wavefunctions: PR: Undergraduate Quantum Mechanics or Physical Chemistry or C.I. Approximate method of solving electronic Schrodinger equation for molecular systems: Hartree-Fock and semiempirical methods, basis sets, multireference wavefunction theory methods, potential surfaces, electronic transitions.

30 character abbreviation: Molecular Wavefunction Theory

AGENDA NOTES: Special Topic also being proposed.

Engineering & Computer Science Course Action Additions

Tabled

COP 6XXX ECS-Computer Science 3(3,0)

Network Optimization: PR: Graduate standing. Recent advances in theory and computational techniques for optimal design and analysis of large networks for computers communications, and transportation including Internet and WWW complex networks

30 character abbreviation: Network Optimization

Engineering & Computer Science Course Action Revisions

Tabled

COP 5537 Network Optimization

3(3,0)

PR: Graduate Standing or C.I.

Recent advances in the theory and computational techniques for optimal design and analysis of large networks for computers, communications, transportation, web and other applications.

Techniques for modeling complex, interconnected systems as networks; optimization with graph theory; algorithms, data structures, and computational complexity; statistical methods for studying large, evolving networks.