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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of July 12, 2012 meeting

Members Present Joyce Nutta, Kerry Purmensky, Terrie Sypolt, Art Weeks, Boris Zeldovich

Recorder Rhonda Nelson

Guests Present Mohamad Abdel-Aty, Peter Kincaid, Saleh Naser

Staff Members Michael Stern

Welcome and call to order. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Joyce Nutta who substituted as chair. It was noted that the committee was one short of a quorum and additional votes would be obtained via email after the meeting. Introductions of the guests and committee members followed.

Addition of a graduate certificate entitled Mod/Sim of Technical Systems, CGS. Peter Kincaid presented a summary of the certificate. This certificate was proposed based on a specific need by the U.S. Navy. This is a 15 credit hour lockstep, cohort program that will be offered electronically through distance education. The initial cohort is expected to be 12 students. The program will be offered through CE as self-supporting. Terrie Sypolt raised the issue regarding any needed library support. She indicated that since the certificate was slanted towards testing and evaluation that the library did not have sufficient materials at this point. Dr. Kincaid pointed out that most of that material would come from the military. The course on M&S for Test and Evaluation was reviewed next. The certificate and the course received unanimous approval. They asked that Terrie Sypolt and Peter Kincaid meet after the meeting to work out any issues regarding the library support.

Articulation agreement with Beijing Jiaotong University (BJTU), CECS. Mohamed Abdel-Aty gave a summary of this articulation agreement with BJTU. This agreement would provide graduate students at BJTU the opportunity to pursue graduate education at UCF. The agreement is requesting to have 12 hours from graduate courses taken by the students at BJTU transfer to UCF instead of the usual 9 hours. This would allow students to complete the program sooner and eliminate an extra semester. He pointed out that they will work to get the best students into this program. One suggestion was to interview the students via skype prior to admission to UCF to ensure adequate English proficiency. In response to a question, Dr. Abdel-Aty indicated that they may entertain additional agreements of this kind as opportunities arose. The agreement was approved unanimously.

Revisions to the Biotechnology MS program, PSM track and Biomedical Sciences MS, COM. Saleh Naser presented the changes to the committee. They are requesting a reduction in overall hours from 31 to 30 for the Biotechnology MS program, including changes in required courses from 19 to 21 hours, and a reduction in elective coursework from 6 to 3. The thesis hour requirement will remain 6 hours. For the PSM track, the overall hours will be reduced from 43 to 42, including changes in required courses from 13 to 15, and a reduction in elective coursework from 12 to 9. The professional and internship hours will remain at 12 and 6 hours, respectively. Admissions to the track will be suspended for fall 2012 to secure internships. Students in the track will be able to continue their coursework. The committee approved these changes with two amendments. In the catalog copy for the program, under required courses, the sentence should read: Students must take the following 19 (delete 17) credit hours of courses plus at least two credit hours of graduate seminar. Under the Thesis section, the 2nd to the last paragraph was amended to: Approval of the final thesis will require consent from the majority of the Program Faculty who choose to review the thesis, inclusive of the Thesis Advisory Committee.

Courses and special topics. One special topic for Mod/Sim was approved.

Announcements and adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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