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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of April 01, 2013 meeting

Members Present

Deborah Breiter, Charles Kelliher, Joyce Nutta, Max Poole, Kerry Purmensky, Julee Waldrop, Art Weeks, Harry Weger, Boris Zeldovich, Antonis Zervos

Recorder

Rhonda Nelson

Guests Present

Joe Brennan, Roanne Brice, Alvaro Esteve, Mike Robinson, Judit Szente, Mike Hynes, David Hagan, Yongho Sohn, Ross Wolf, Linda Sullivan

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Welcome and call to order. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Dr. Charles Kelliher, chair. A quorum was established. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Revisions to the PhD Math program, COS. Joe Brennan presented the revisions to this program. The department requested to establish a dissertation proposal examination and also editorial changes. Dr. Brennan shared that the establishment of the dissertation proposal examination would enable students to enter candidacy at the end of their coursework and would postpone giving a dissertation proposal to a more appropriate time in their graduate career. He indicated that they had used the model from CECS. Much discussion was held on this as several members felt there could be complications with this type of dissertation model. This request was approved by the committee with one objection.

Revisions to the MS Optics program and track, COP. David Hagan presented the revisions to this program and track. The college requested to change the required core from 9 to 12 to 15, foundation courses from 3-6 to 9, and the electives from 12-15 to 9 credit hours. These changes received unanimous approval from the committee.

Suspension of the Nonprofit Management graduate certificate (out of state cohort track only), COHPA. Ross Wolf presented a summary of this suspension. The department requested a 1 year suspension of admissions to the out-of-state cohort track that was run through Continuing Education. No students are enrolled in the cohort at this time. The regular certificate is to remain open. This request received unanimous approval from the committee.

Name change to the Pre-Kindergarten Handicapped Endorsement graduate certificate, CED. Mary Little presented the request for this name change. The department requested to change the name to "Pre-Kindergarten Disabilities" Certificate. The name change will reflect the current appropriate language used by the Florida Department of Education. These changes received unanimous approval from the committee.

Suspend admissions to the MS ECDE program, CED. Mike Hynes reported on the request to suspend admissions to the program for 3 years with a re-evaluation in 2 years to determine future plans. This request was due to declining enrollment over the past 5 years. They have requested that the program not be posted in the catalog. There are currently 16 students in the program. A teach out plan has been provided. This request has received unanimous approval from the committee.

Revisions to the PhD Education program (involves all tracks), CED. Mike Robinson presented the revisions to this program which involves all tracks. Additional courses will be offered to provide flexibility to the students to choose from research courses that best fit their specific program requirements and research interests. This request has received unanimous approval from the committee.

Revisions to the PhD MSE program, CECS

Revisions to the MS MSE program, CECS

Revisions to the MS MSE Accelerated BS to MS track, CECS

Yong ho Sohn presented the changes to the PhD and MSE programs and track. All of the revision requests were approved except for one concern with the PhD program that required approval by General Counsel. The concern raised was related to the publication requirement for the Ph.D. and the requirement of two publications (in print or in press) which relied on degree confirmation by external entity. The committee indicated that General Counsel should be consulted for the requirement and appropriate language. These requests received approval, with one objection, pending confirmation of approval from General Counsel.

Review of the graduate certificates established in: 2000, 2003, 2006, and 2009. After review of the certificates, the committee selected two certificates with low activity to be brought to the attention of their college to inquire whether they wish to keep the certificate or sunset it. An email will be sent to each college regarding these two certificates: Children's Services certificate from COHPA and K-8 Math and Science Ed. certificate from CED. All of the remaining certificates reviewed did not require additional follow up.

Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience split class, COM (Tabled at last 2 meetings). Alvaro Estevez presented the content differences between the UG and graduate syllabi. The committee asked that Dr. Estevez add additional rationale to the graduate syllabus and send to Graduate Studies. The committee would then review the syllabus via email and vote on whether or not to approve. Update: after review by the committee via email, the split class was approved.

Courses and special topics. For a complete list of courses approved by the committee, review the attached course listing.

Announcements and adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Graduate Council Curriculum Committee **Course Minutes for 04-01-2013**

All courses were approved unless otherwise noted. Any notation refers to the course directly below the notation.

College of Business Adm Special Topics

REE 7939 Sect 01 BA-Finance 3(3,0)

ST: Seminar in Real Estate Research: PR: Admission to business doctoral program and ECO 6416 or equivalent. An introduction to doctoral-level topics in real estate research; including land economics, spatial markets for real property, and the economics of property law. *Occasional.*

29 of 30 character abbreviation: **ST:Seminar in Real Estate Res**

Rationale: Expose doctoral students to academic research in real estate.

Discussion with others: N/A

College of Business Adm Course Action Additions

Tabled. Possible overlap with Sociology course. Both departments will meet to review course overlap.

QMB 7XXX BA-College-BA 3(3,0)

Survey and Other Qualitative Data Analysis: PR: Admission to business doctoral program. This course provides doctoral students with a foundation in survey development and the analysis of survey and other qualitative data applicable to business research. *Occasional.*

30 of 30 character abbreviation: **Survey & Other Qual Data Analy**

Rationale: Course provides key research skills required for business doctoral students doing survey-based research to examine psychological and sociological research issues in business. Course will be critical to students in multiple business doctoral program concentrations who plan to use survey methods for their dissertation research.

Discussion with others: Course is being proposed as other options sought on campus have continually shrunk amidst budget cuts, and the Business PhD program has been unable to find appropriate level coursework in the area offered in any other college that would adequately prepare our students.

Majors taking course: PhD in Business: Accounting, Management and Marketing concentrations

QMB 7YYY BA-College-BA 3(3,0)

Measurement Theory in Business Research: PR: Admission to business doctoral program. This course provides doctoral students with a foundation in psychometrics and general measurement theory for economic, psychological and sociological-based business research. *Even Fall.*

29 of 30 character abbreviation: **Measur Theory in Bus Research**

Rationale: Course provides key research skills required for business doctoral students doing behavioral research to successfully complete subsequent research methods coursework and to be adequately prepared for dissertation research within the research focus of several business doctoral program concentrations.

Discussion with others: Course is being proposed as other options sought on campus have continually shrunk amidst budget cuts, and the Business PhD program has been unable to find appropriate level coursework in the area offered in any other college that would adequately prepare our students.

Majors taking course: PhD in Business Administration concentrations in Accounting and Management.

College of Arts & Humanities Special Topics

AMH 6938 Sect 01 CAH-History 3(3,0)

ST: Seminar in the History of American Automobility: PR: Graduate Standing of C.I. Readings and research in the development of American automobility. *Occasional.*

30 of 30 character abbreviation: **ST: Seminar in US Automobility**

Rationale: To expand the range of graduate research offerings in American History.

Discussion with others: No conflicts foreseen.

AGENDA NOTES: Course Addition also being proposed.

College of Arts & Humanities Course Action Additions

AMH 6XXX CAH-History 3(3,0)

Seminar in the History of American Automobility: PR: Graduate Standing or C.I. Readings and research in the development of American automobility. *Odd Fall.*

26 of 30 character abbreviation: **Seminar in US Automobility**

Rationale: To expand the range of graduate offerings in American History at the 6000-level.

Discussion with others: No conflicts foreseen.

Majors taking course: History MA (including Public History track)

AGENDA NOTES: Special Topic also being proposed.

HIS 5XXX CAH-History 3(3,0)

Cultural Heritage Management: PR: Graduate Standing, HIS 5067, or C.I. Readings in the debates and issues of international management of cultural heritage and property, including introduction to UNESCO standards. *Occasional.*

30 character abbreviation: **Cultural Heritage Management**

Rationale: To expand the range of graduate offerings in the field of Public History.

Discussion with others: Discussion with Anthropology but no conflict of interest foreseen per email from department.

Majors taking course: History MA students (including Public History track)

College of Sciences Special Topics

INR 6938 Sect 01 COS-Political Science 3(3,0)

ST:Politics of Civil Wars: PR: Admission to degree-seeking program or C. I. Exploration of the causes, the dynamics of violence, the international aspects, and the resolution of civil wars.; . *Occasional.*

30 character abbreviation: **ST:Politics of Civil War**

Rationale: Elective course to strengthen the course offerings for the new Ph.D. program in Security Studies as well as the existing MA program in Political Science.

