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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of September 02, 2015 meeting

Members Present

Deborah Breiter, Claire Knox, Steven Ebert, Charles Kelliher, Elsie Olan, Andrea Pulido, Wanda Raimundi-Ortiz, Jennifer Sandoval, Terrie Sypolt, Art Weeks, John Weishampel

Recorder

Rhonda Nelson

Guests Present

Derek Green, Susan Chase, Saleh Naser

Staff Members

Debra Winter, Michele Pozdoff

Welcome and call to order. Dr. Breiter, chair, welcomed the guests. Introductions followed. Dr. Breiter provided a summary of the responsibilities of this committee. Rhonda shared a demo of the Graduate Council Curriculum website. The committee member list is located on the website. Agendas and handouts of the upcoming meeting will be posted on the website before each meeting. Meeting minutes are posted following the meetings.

Proxy voting. Proxy voting was discussed. The members were generally opposed to having proxy votes and voted against this procedure. Members may join the meeting via teleconference if they are not available to come to the meeting in person.

Neuroscience track in MS Biomedical Sciences – COM/BSBS. Dr. Saleh Naser gave an overview of this new track. This is a non thesis track which will attract, educate, and train graduate students in the area of Neuroscience. Students enrolled in the MS Biomedical Sciences program may choose to select this new track. Terrie Sypolt indicated that a library report would need to be conducted to ensure that the Library has adequate resources to accommodate the students pursuing this track. Dr. Naser indicated that all courses are already in place and resources should be available. There was a question about the capstone course. Dr. Naser shared that there would be no class meetings with this course, just office meetings only. Another question was on the teaching requirement which included one semester of teaching and one semester of research shadowing, and if this was optional. Students will apply in January and be admitted in fall. The wording non thesis will not be included in the title. Dr. Naser indicated that there would be 3 additional non thesis tracks coming under this program. The committee agreed to table this track and wait for the library report. Dr. Naser will also update the proposal to clarify the questions raised. This will be reviewed again on September 23.

Courses and special topics. The committee reviewed the courses agenda.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for September 23.

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