Graduate Council Meeting
MINUTES
12/11/08
2:00 PM
Library Room 208

Council Members Present: Suzanne Beltz, Pam Brouillard, JoAnn Canales, Jack Cassidy, Bunny Forgione, Hongyu Guo, Cristina Kirklighter, Tim Klaus, Harvey Knull, Paul Montagna, Mary Kay Mortimer, Carey Rote, Scott Sherman, Robert Smith, Rebekah Thomas
Council Members Absent: Bilaye Benibo, Anita Reed, Richard Shepperd,
Council Guest Present: Sarah Sutton

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes from 11/13/08
Motion: To approve the minutes as amended
Moved: Scott Sherman; second - Robert Smith; Unanimous approval

II. Committee Reports
A. S&T - Robert Smith and Suzanne Beltz shared the committee’s recommendations.
The following sections of Catalog Copy required no action as there were no changes:
- Engineering Technology
- Geographic Information Science
- Physical Science
- Physics

The following sections of Catalog Copy were recommended for Approval:
- Biomedical Science
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Coastal and Marine System Science
- Environmental Science
- Mathematics
- Science Mathematics and Technology Education

The following sections of Catalog Copy were recommended for Approval with suggested editions/revisions/pending syllabi or name change approval:
- Introductory Section
- Biology (OGS will check on request for course by course foreign transcript eval requirement)
The following sections of Catalog Copy were tabled pending further actions as follows:

**Geology** - pending confirmation that courses were approved [Note: They were approved in FY 2008]

**Geospatial Surveying Engineering** - pending confirmation that courses were approved [Note: Courses have not been submitted for approval.]

**Mariculture** - pending THECB name change approval.

**Marine Biology** - pending course syllabi approval

**B. CONHS Recommended for Approval. Grad Council: Unanimous Approval**

**C. College of Education** - Recommended for approval with the following suggestions/recommendations:

*Overall:* Revisit wording on dual listed courses.

*CNEP 5319 - Introduction to Clinical Mental Health Counseling* - Robert Smith agreed to tweak the course to better reflect the nature of the course.

*ETEC* - Consider adding a paragraph to make the comprehensive exam experience more explicit and transparent

*Kinesiology* - Consider making explicit how the GRE factors into admissions if the GPA is below 3.0. [Note: Kinesiology courses listed were approved by Grad Council on 10.23.08.]

**D. College of Business** - Recommended for approval pending new course syllabi approval. [Note: MISY 5350 Syllabus was received 12/22/08]

**E. General Section** - Tim Klaus reported on the edits made to the Graduate Academic and Degree Requirements and recommended it for approval. Section was approved as amended.
F. **College of Liberal Arts** – Recommended for approval pending new course syllabi approval [Note: ENGL 5344, PADM syllabi 5363, 5380, and 5381 were approved by Grad Council on 11.13.08]

G. **Curriculum Committee** – Bunny Forgione reported for the Curriculum Committee. A quorum was not present by the time this item was presented. Those present, however, accepted the committee’s recommendation for approval with revisions and Canales was to poll those not present by email for their vote. A quorum (physically and electronically) voted to accept the recommendation.

**College of Science and Technology**
- BIOL 5333  Marine Benthic Ecology
- MARB 5102  Marine Biology Seminar
- MARB 6202  Applied Coral Reef Ecology
- MARB 6301  Coral Reef Systems
- MARB 6310  Physiological Adaptations in Animals
- MARB 6314  Aquatic Animal Nutrition
- MARB 6333  Marine Benthic Ecology
- MARB 6335  Aquatic Microbiology
- MARB 6373  Marine Biodiversity and Conservation Science
- MARB 6427  Coastal Ecology of Texas
- MARB 6428  Fisheries Ecology
- MARB 6430  Marine Plankton
- MARB 6431  Psychology
- MARB 6436  Marine Ecology

**College of Education**
- CNEP 5312  Addictions Counseling
- EDLD 6385  Advanced analysis in Qualitative Methods

III. **Matters Arising – none**