Graduate Council
Minutes for Friday, April 9, 2010
1:00-2:30 PM
HAB 703

Present: Elizabeth Hester, Ying Lin, Rosemary Milham, Andrea Noel, Emily Puthoff, Jon Raskin, Presiding Officer, Narcyz, Rostocki, Rose Rudnitski, Laurel Garrick Duhaney, Dean of the Graduate School, Gwenth Lloyd, Jan McLaurin, Bernadette Morris, Vika Shock, Guest.

1. Minutes were approved unanimously as written.

2. Announcements

Registrar Morris announced that all graduate students up for graduation are cleared.

MFA faculty candidate presentation will have a lot to do with graduate work- Emily Puthoff

There will be a Group on mind/body on Thursday 3-4:30 – Gweneth Lloyd

Dean Garrick Duhaney reminded the council that students must complete a plan of study because some students are being held up at graduation now because no plan was ever filed. The problem is exacerbated when courses are transferred because the tuition differential is now in place and it may cost more to reconcile the plan with the transcript at the last minute than it would have at acceptance. The current policy is that the student and advisor have a semester to complete and file a plan after acceptance. Transfer credits should be accepted at the time of acceptance.

The idea was put forth that students who do not have a plan of study be required to get a pin or permission of chair to register after the first semester. Plans of study will be scanned and made available to the students electronically.

3. Old Business

a. Transfer Credits – New Paltz vs. Non- New Paltz transfer credits (tabled)

b. Leave of Absence (tabled)
   a and b tabled again

c. Update on Proposals from the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering
   The department rescinds its request to review these proposals. 4+1 program is being proposed but is not ready yet. It is felt that this will attract more domestic students.

d. Review and Approval of the following new courses from the Dept. of Educational Administration:
- EDA703: Internship in Leadership I
- EDA704: Internship in Leadership II
  We already have these courses on the books.
- EDA783: Values and Ethics in Educational Leadership
  Did not have the entire proposal
  Assignment number 2 must comply with IRB guidelines
  Must have to have a week-by-week timeline of topics.
  First two sentences of course description must be changed.
  Needs a list of objectives that are measurable.
  Point system equivalents with letter grades.
  Approved pending Dean Garrick Duhaney's approval on revision.

New Business

a. Update on Research & Creative Project Awards - The quality of the proposals has been improving over the years. Subcommittees of the Graduate Council review proposals. The money to fund these proposals comes from the application fee to apply for the graduate school.

b. The survey on Preferred Graduate Course Format to prospective students was reviewed. We decided to ask them why they are enrolled, in addition to the questions on the list. “Are you planning to work while taking courses?” Registrar Morris was asked how we could make the course delivery method appear on the class schedule. She is working on it.

c. Procedure Graduate Program Discontinuance
   - Request to discontinue the MFA Intermediate Design program –
     This request was made by Art Department faculty. The faculty members who had this program have left and there are insufficient technical resources.
     MA in Art studio will be discontinued as well. MFA is sufficient.

d. Approval of Minor Course Changes
   - Elementary Education: EED747 Clinical Practices in Reading
     Old Prerequisite – EED746 or 35746
     New Prerequisite – EED746 & Co-requisite EDI775
   - Elementary Education: EDI775 Graduate Reading Seminar
     Old Prerequisite – None
     New Prerequisite – EED746 & Co-requisite EED747
   - Communication Disorders: CMD504 Chronological Disorders
     Old Prerequisite – Remove CMD509 ONLY
     New Prerequisite – Same/ Except remove CMD509

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.
Respectfully submitted,
Rose Rudnitski