

UMGSB Graduate Council

MINUTES

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Led by: UMBC

Teleconference

In Attendance: Brian Cullum, Robert Deluty, Steve Fletcher, Christy Gaines, Erin Golembewski, Donna Harrington, Preminda Jacob, Ronghui Ma, Marv Mandell, Daniel Miller, Joel Morris, Muruhan Rathinam, Denise Provencher,

Welcome

Approval of Minutes from Council Meeting held on November 13, 2014

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Announcements/plans/issues UMB

None

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None

GSA Reports

UMB (reported by Christy Gaines) – GSA discussed the use of a Safe Walk app to address some campus safety concerns. A vote took place to allow a sustainability fee, although the exact cost of the fee has not yet been decided. The GSA is also working on their charity/social event.

UMBC (reported by Daniel Miller) - The GSA is currently promoting its Graduate Research Conference and reaching out to students to increase registration numbers.

Committee Reports

Long Range Planning and New Programs

- **Course Change in MAE Degree Plan (Jerri Frick)** – Background: Last semester, the Graduate Council approved a new course (EDUC 785) which is an advanced instructional leadership- internship. Since that time, the MAE program has worked closely with the state department to be in line with what is required for the new MSDE endorsements. By doing this, UMBC will be one of the few universities to have this endorsement. We feel that we have a course that is in line with MSDE and now we need to replace the old course because it is no longer sufficient. The course is, however, still being used by the TESOL and ISD programs, but we would like to replace it with an updated course with the option to do the specific internship that is required by MSDE-- if the student wants that endorsement. If the student does not want the endorsement, we have to leave in options to do our traditional capstone project for our master's degree program which is either a school based action

research project or a school based curriculum development project. A motion to approve the course change was made and there was unanimity at UMBC and UMUC.

- **TTL Approval of Non-Thesis Portfolio Option** – In response to a question, it was explained that the additional 600 level course that the portfolio student has to take is not limited to ENGL courses. The committee recommended approval of the non-thesis portfolio option. A motion was made to approve the option. There was unanimity at UMBC and UMUC.

New Courses – In response to questions that the committee had concerning the ENGL courses, it was explained by Dr. Provencher that there is a precedent at UMBC to take the same 600 level course if it's a different topic and it's a regular course on the books with a rotating topic. It was also explained that without an advisors approval, a student could not sign up for a second version of a 605 or 606 course. It was recommended that a stipulation be added to say that "up to 9 credits with the approval of the advisor." In addition some concern was expressed that, ENGL 625 is not an advance topic. Instead, it is a new course called "Material Culture & Production" and the description of it is very much used as an entry level introduction to the topic in defined activities and assignments. It sounds like it is different than the advance topic, so, if this course is going to be repeatable up to 9 credits the syllabus needs to indicate that somehow and the title should be changed to advance topics (if that is what represents the repeatable courses at UMBC). The recommendations will be forwarded to the author(s) of the courses.

Courses Recommended for Approval Pending Changes:

UMBC

- ENGL 605 Advanced Topics in Eighteenth-Century & Romantic-Era Literature
- ENGL 606 Advanced Topics in Victorian Literature
- ENGL 625 Material Culture & Production
- HIT 663 Health IT Policy and Administration
- HIT 674 Process and Quality Improvement with Health IT

UMB

- PHSR 631 Computing and Analytic Methods for Observational Studies
- PHSR 706 Healthcare Quality and Performance Measurement
- NURS 625 Introduction to Gerontological Nursing

A motion was made to accept the committee's recommendations as submitted. There was unanimity at UMBC and UMUC.

Graduate Faculty

The committee recommended approval of the following faculty from UMBC:

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- Belay B. Demoz, Physics
- Zhibo Zhang, Physics

The committee's recommendation was approved unanimously

Program Review - No Report

New Business

On behalf of Janet Rutledge, Dr. Deluty explained that as part of its middle states accreditation process, graduate programs are required to provide student learning outcomes as well as measures of success from masters and doctoral programs. Dr. Rutledge and the leadership team at the Graduate School are working on templates that will assist graduate programs with the development of their assessment plans. Dr. Rutledge is looking volunteers that have experience working on such student learning outcomes at the graduate level as well as measures of success to help develop a framework for such an assessment. The draft template will to be brought to the Long Range Planning and New Programs committee in February. Denis Provencher and Erin Golembewski volunteered.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting:
Thursday, February 12, 2015
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