Graduate Academic and Advisory Committee
Approved Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2010

Voting Members Present: Ken Abramowicz (Chair), Lara Dehn (phone), Jen Schmidt, Sue Renes

Absent: Donie Bret-Harte, Orion Lawlor, Amber Thomas, Xiong Zhang.
(Regine Hock needs to step out for rest of term due to illness.)
Ex-Officio Members Present: Laura Bender, Larry Duffy, Anita Hughes.
Also present: Jayne Harvie (note-taking)

1. Discussion/modification/approval of agenda.

Without a quorum present, the meeting was confined to discussing the grading policy motion, and some of the new curriculum which could be addressed by those present (as noted below).

2. Discussion/approval of 11-29-2010 meeting minutes.

Not approved since quorum not present.

3. Discussion topics.
   A. Meeting date and time for January GAAC meeting.

   January 14, 2011, Friday, at 9:30 – 10:30 AM has been proposed for discussion on the new master’s program in Political Science. Larry D. suggests that NORS faculty Mary Erhlander be invited to the discussion, since approval would affect the Northern Studies program. This is also recommended by the Provost, per Larry. Some preliminary discussion took place regarding current concerns, but complete discussion of the proposed program was delayed until the next meeting.

   B. Graduate grading policy. Continued discussion of changes related to "+/-" grading scale for graduate courses.

   Ken will email a revised version to the group. The statement, upon approval, should be included in both the printed Catalog and the Graduate Study Plan Form used at the Graduate School. Points to clarify include that 2.0 “C” or better must be earned in graduate-level courses; a 3.0 “B” or better in 400-level courses, and that a 1.7 “C-“ does not count toward advancement to candidacy.

4. Proposals approved by email since last meeting

• 05-GCCh: EDSE F605 - Early Childhood Special Education (Sue)
• 06-GCCh: EDSE F610 - Assessment of Students with Disabilities (Sue)
• 07-GCCh: EDSE F612 - Curriculum and Strategies I: Low Incidence (Sue)
• 08-GCCh: EDSE F622 - Curriculum and Strategies II: High Incidence (Sue)
• 09-GCCh: EDSE F624 - Social and Emotional Development, Assessment, and Intervention (Sue)
• 10-GCCh: EDSE F625 - Teaching Mathematics to Special Learners (Sue)
• II-GCCh: EDSE F633 - Autism: Communication and Social Disorders (Sue)
• 12-GCCh: EDSE F640 - Collaboration and Consultative Methods (Sue)
• 13-GCCh: EDSE F642 - Autism and Asberger Syndrome: Social and Behavioral Issues (Sue)
• 14-GCCh: EDSE F677 - Reading Assessment, Curriculum and Strategies (Sue)

5. Review of GAAC proposals already discussed in prior meetings.

• 18-GCCh.: Atmospheric Radiation (Xiong)
• 19-GNC: ATM F666 - Atmospheric Remote Sensing (Donie)
• 25-GNC: ATM F678 - Mesoscale Dynamics (Xiong)
  Note: Revised syllabus received and posted online.
• 27-GNP: M.A. Political Science (Ken)
  Email Ken with written concerns which he’ll share with the group to prepare for the GAAC meeting with Political Science faculty.
• 36-GNC: EE F614 - Numerical Methods for Electrical Engineers (Lara)
  #36 still needs work, per Lara D.

6. Discussion of new GAAC proposals (as time permits).

• 31-GCCh. - PSY F652 - Practicum Placement - Clinical I, change repeatability (Amber)
  Sue noted that #31 is good to go.
• 32-GCCh. - PSY F653 - Practicum Placement - Clinical II, change repeatability (Amber)
  Sue noted that #32 is good to go.
• 35-GPCh. - M.Ed. - Remove Reading and K-12 Reading Endorsement Specialization (Amber)
  Sue noted that #35 is also good to go.

Since GAAC proposals 31, 32 and 35 appear to be ready for acceptance, they will be submitted to GAAC via email for approval by negative confirmation.

• 38--GNC: EE F646 Wireless Sensor Networks (Orion)
  Lara notes that #38 still has minor issues to be addressed. She’ll email Orion about it.
• 39--GNC: EE F668 Radar Systems (Orion)
  Lara notes that #39 has some larger issues and needs to be held for discussion.
• 40-GNC: EE F675 Robot Modeling and Control (Orion)
  Lara noted that #40 has some issues; she had questions about resources and computer lab / software needs.
• 41-GPCh.: Ph.D. - Fisheries Modify Admission Requirements; Enter After BS (Amber)
• 42-GPCh.: M.S. Fisheries - Expand elective course requirements (Amber)
  Jen S. noted questions about FISH F425 and F650 courses that are required.
• 43-GNC: FISH F680 - Marine Sustainability Internship (Amber)