

Graduate Affairs Committee Minutes
April 13, 2015

Members Present: Robert A. Vaughan, Jr. (Chair), Craig Hill, Victoria Foster, R. B. Rosenberg, Mari Roberts, Tom McIlwain, Ruth Caillouet (for Dennis Attick), Ali Dadpay, Jufang Qu, Richard Pearce-Moses, Susan Ashford, Sam Maddox, Elliot Krop, Susan Copeland, Kelli Nipper, and Celeste Walley-Jean.

Members Not Present: Christopher Raridan, Jason Davis, Michelle Furlong, Patricia Smith and Charles Elfer

Guests: Anthony Giovannitti, Melanie Poudevigne, and Chris Pitsikoulis

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

The minutes from March 16, 2015 Graduate Affairs Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Roberts and approved by the Committee.

The Committee reviewed the Graduate Faculty applications listed below:

- Katherine Pratt-Russell (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full) – recommendation to approve was made by Rosenberg, seconded by Dadpay, approved by the Committee.
- Laura Dean (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Associate) – recommendation to approve was made by Rosenberg, seconded by Dadpay, approved by the Committee.
- Christie Burton (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full) – recommendation to approve was made by Rosenberg, seconded by Maddox, approved by the Committee.
- C.R. Narayanswamy (Ph.D.), College of Business (Full) – recommendation to approve was made by Dadpay, seconded by Krop, approved by the Committee.

Mr. Pearce-Moses presented the Master of Archival Studies degree program course proposals. The course proposals for ARST 6901, ARST 6902, ARST 6910 and ARST 6950 were review at the same time since these courses are interrelated. ARST 6902 is a new course which would enable an intensive workshop experience at an archives facility. It is an alternative to the traditional internship requirement. The degree program will have an internship or an applied experience component. A student can do one component or the other; however, they are not equivalent. There is also a directed study experience option if the student is unable to complete either of the aforementioned internship

options. A motion to approve these courses were made by Pearce-Moses, seconded by McIlwain, and approved by the Committee.

Pearce-Moses presented two remaining course proposals: ARST 6890 and ARST 5250. ARST 6890 was originally on the list of MAS courses, but it does not seem to have been approved by the Graduate Affairs Committee. This course gives the program the flexibility to help students complete the program. A motion to approve the course was made by Pearce-Moses, seconded by Dadpay, and approved by the Committee. Pearce-Moses presented the course proposal for ARST 5250 which is the use and application of the various software and tools being developed by Seth Shaw and it will be available in the fall. The program anticipates a high demand for the course from students and practitioners.

Dr. Giovannitti presented the MALS Mathematics concentration to the committee. This concentration will prepare students for teaching the college level while the MAT Mathematics will continue to prepare students for teaching at the secondary level. The potential student for this program is someone who wants to obtain a degree in mathematics as their first advanced degree or someone who wants to obtain a second masters degree that will prepare them to teach as an adjunct at the collegiate level. Motion to approve the concentration was made by Rosenberg, seconded by Dadpay, and approved by the Committee.

Dr. Vaughan presented the proposed changes to the Graduate Faculty membership policy document. The proposed changes were denoted in green in the document distributed to the committee. In the interest of time it was suggested that committee members send discussion points that Vaughan can incorporate into the document so that it can be re-reviewed at the May meeting.

A motion to reopen the discussion of the recently approved MBA concentrations was made by Krop and seconded by McIlwain. Dr. Krop wanted to revisit the recently approved MBA concentrations as it was believed there were discrepancies in the courses that were proposed and approved by the committee and the courses that were actually being offered for the Sports and Entertainment Management concentration. There was much discussion as to why it was believed that discrepancies existed in the implementation of this concentration. Dadpay responded indicating there were no changes in what was submitted to the committee for review and what has been implemented. The banner action forms were not submitted during the initial approval process, but will be brought forward at a future meeting. Pearce-Moses indicated there was precedent for not having the course proposal and Banner Action form approved at the same meeting. Ten committee members (Foster, Maddox, McIlwain, Ashford, Pearce-Moses, Walley-Jean, Caillouet, Hill, Vaughan, and Dadpay) felt there was not enough evidence to support the motion of the existence of potential discrepancies in the Sports and Entertainment concentration proposal.

It is not necessary to have the proposal reviewed again by the committee. Rosenberg abstained from the vote.

Dr. Rosenberg presented the cross listing for graduate and 3000/4000 level history courses to the committee. Vaughan indicated there were concerns from the SACS coordinator, Dr. Jill Lane and President Hynes regarding the courses being listed concurrently. SACS might have a potential problem in the future if there are courses that are not distinguished between the 3000/4000 levels. Vaughan indicated that Dr. Lane suggested that perhaps we would want to submit a memo explaining why the 3000/4000 level courses are the same so that if we are challenged on this point in the future we have that documentation. The proposal was tabled so that an expanded justification can be included in the memo that was presented to the committee.

Dr. Vaughan indicated to the committee that the Deans had requested an evaluation of the Graduate Director duties be submitted to them so this information can be included in that individual's yearly performance evaluation. This new process will begin next year.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.
Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor