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The Graduate Council
March 18, 2015
Johnson Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Barbara Altmann (ex officio); Lara Bovilsky, Alexandre Dossin, Kassy Fisher (ex officio), Erik Girvan; Victoria Herman, Sara Hodges, Joseph Lowndes, Thomas Ptak, David Riley, John Russial, Mark Watson (ex officio), Frances White, and Ben Yang

Members Absent: Andy Berglund (ex officio); Bruce Blonigen (ex officio), Krista Chronister, Aniko Drlik-Muehleck, Leonardo Garcia-Pabon, and Yizhao Yang

Graduate School Staff in Attendance: Kellie Geldreich, Brandy Teel, and Marcia Walker

The meeting was called to order at 3:35pm. The February 18, 2015 Graduate Council minutes were approved as distributed.

New Business

LLM Concentration in Conflict and Dispute Resolution

Adell Amos, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and Kristie Gibson, LL.M. Program Director, from the School of Law joined the Graduate Council to discuss the proposed LL.M. Concentration in Conflict and Dispute Resolution. They opened the floor for questions about the concentration.

Assistant Professor Yang commented that it appeared there are two audiences being targeted: U.S. J.D. holders and foreign lawyers. Program Director Gibson stated that a growing number of states allow a lawyer with a foreign law degree to qualify to practice law in the state if the lawyer has received an LL.M. from a U.S. law school, most notably New York and adjacent states California and Washington. Professor Yang noted that graduates from this program would be able to practice internationally as well as the U.S. Program Director Gibson stated that some graduates will go back to their home countries to teach.

Associate Professor Bovilsky asked if the Law School would track which foreign lawyers ended up taking the bar in the U.S. Program Director Gibson responded that going forward this would be tracked.

Professor Hodges noted that the courses offered in this concentration are on the quarter system and asked how that would work with other UO courses these students might take. Associate Dean Amos responded that they have aligned time blocks of the day with other UO courses, so there will be plenty of options to take other UO courses.

After Associate Dean Amos and Program Director Gibson left the meeting, Graduate Council members further discussed the proposal and the need to have course numbers regularized. Professor Hodges moved to approve the LL.M. Concentration in Conflict and Dispute Resolution with the comment that course numbers are to be regularized. Professor Bovilsky seconded the motion, and the Graduate Council unanimously approved the proposal.

School of Architecture and Allied Arts (AAA) Product Design Proposals

Jason Germany, Assistant Professor, and Kiersten Muenchinger, Associate Professor, both from Product Design, joined the Graduate Council to the AAA Product Design proposals.

Professor White, who is also on the Committee on Courses, stated that for courses that do not exist, more information is needed, such as syllabi, who will be teaching, and where the courses are in the coursework regularization process. Currently, the Graduate Council does not have enough information to review the classes.
Professor Germany replied that the Master of Science in Sports Product Design will be offered at the Portland campus, and it is not an extension of an undergraduate program so they are developing new courses. He referred to the proposal’s statement, “all new course offerings proposed below will be submitted for individual approval on Oct. 15, 2015. Initial review will begin with AAA Curriculum Committee starting on that date.”

Professor Bovilsky stated that it would be helpful to see what faculty will be teaching each class as well. Professor White stated that if the Committee on Courses approves the courses, the Graduate Council does not need to look at them further. If not, provide the Graduate Council the same information to be submitted to the Committee on Courses and report where you are in that process.

Mark Watson, associate Dean for Research Services at the UO Libraries, asked if the traditional tuition model will be followed. He suggested that monies allocated to library services would be useful for student and faculty resources. Professor Germany replied that the tuition rate will be higher, and there are Sports Product Institute financial resources that will support physical resources as well as donor support.

Professor Bovilsky noted that if core courses are to be provided by other units, there needs to be documentation from those units that they are able and willing to provide those courses.

Kellie Geldreich, Academic Affairs Manager in the Graduate School, will send Professor Germany a summary of items that need to be received prior to further review.

**Blended Law School/Clark Honors College Program**

Vice Provost Barbara Altmann brought an informational item of a new blended Law School/Clark Honors program before the Graduate Council. She noted that it will need to go to the Undergraduate Council for approval before it comes to the Graduate Council for review. This program will be called Three by Three. Students will attend three years in the Clark Honors College before going to the Law School. The first year of their J.D. will count as the last year in their undergraduate studies. This will enable students to receive their J.D. in six years instead of the usual seven years needed to complete.

**Old Business**

None.

**Deans Updates/Announcements**

**Graduate Forum Recap**

Brandy Teel, Engagement and Opportunities Manager at the Graduate School, thanked Council members for their contributions to this year’s Graduate Student Research Forum. She reported that 150 graduate students presented, 45 departments were represented, and $11,000 in awards was distributed to 18 graduate students.

**3 Minute Thesis (3MT)**

Ms. Teel stated that the 3MT is a great opportunity for graduate students to showcase their research. The UO rounds of the 3MT competition will be held on April 17, April 24, and May 1 in 177 Lawrence Hall from 5-6:30pm. State finals will be on May 16th at OHSU from 3-6:00pm. Awards range from $250 to $500, and she encouraged Council members to have their students apply.

**Innovations in Graduate Education Program**

Ms. Teel noted that this year proposals are being requested from graduate programs that seek to innovate a particular aspect of graduate student recruitment and retention through media-based efforts. Proposals should fall within the four categories: 1. College/Department Webinar Series; 2. Video Production;
3. Technology Workshops and Training on Demand; and 4. Additional Media-Based Recruitment and Retention Ideas. Up to eight awards of up to $2,500 will be awarded across the four focus areas. More information can be found on the Graduate School website. The deadline for submitting proposals is April 6, 2015.

PACE Workshops

The Graduate School and its campus colleagues offer several free workshops to graduate students each term. Ms. Teel asked Council members for suggestions for types of workshops they believe graduate students need and/or would attend.

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

Ms. Teel reported that the Graduate School is hoping to integrate sexual harassment prevention training into the new graduate student orientation.

Adjourn

The Council adjourned at 5:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances White
Graduate Council Secretary