MINUTES
The Graduate Council
November 20th, 2019
Student Lounge, 111 Susan Campbell Hall

Members Present: Dane Christensen, Robin Clement, Marina Guenza, Burke Hendrix, Rachael Klaiss, Aidan Kolar, Andy Karduna (ex officio), Huaxin Lin, Fabienne Moore, Dorothee Ostmeier, Autumn Shafer, Leslie Straka, Angie Whalen, and Frances White (ex officio)

Members Absent: Ron Bramhall (ex officio), Michael Fakhri, Kate Mondloch (ex officio), Elizabeth Peterson (ex officio), Jeremy Piger, and Phil Scher (ex officio)

Graduate School Staff in Attendance: Tara Kaiser, Jered Nagel

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm. The October 2019 minutes were approved as distributed.

Classics Curriculum Changes

Professor of Anthropology Frances White opened the voting discussion by reminding the council that by Senate legislation, all curriculum changes must undergo a check by the UOCC (University of Oregon Committee on Courses) to ensure that there are no non-regularized courses or issues with the curriculum changes. The Senate further reviews that policies were followed when making curriculum changes, and that all proposed courses have been approved and regularized. Professor White affirmed that the proposed curriculum changes being made to the Classics Department have passed the review by the UOCC.

Changes to the following degrees are as detailed below:

1. Languages and Literature MA
   a. Eliminate the “portfolio of papers” option
   b. Eliminate the History 512/514 requirement
   c. Require all graduate students to pass six (6) GRK or LAT 511 classes with a mid-B or better and study both Greek and Latin in all quarters at the level of their competencies

2. Archaeology MA
   a. Eliminate the “portfolio of papers” option
   b. Eliminate the History 512/514 requirement
   c. Require all graduate students to pass six (6) GRK or LAT 511 classes with a mid-B or better and study both Greek and Latin in all quarters at the level of their competencies

Associate Professor of French, Fabienne Moore motioned to approve these curriculum changes, Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Marina Guenza seconded the motion. The council was in agreement.

Concurrent J.D. / Master of Science in Finance Degree Program

Associate Dean Andy Karduna invited members of the Law School and College of Business, who had key roles in formulating the Concurrent J.D. / M.S.F. Degree proposal, into the meeting. Their names and positions are as follows: Andrea Coles-Bjerre, Associate Professor in the Law School and Director of Business Law Program; Kristie Gibson, Supervising Attorney Instructor in Business Law Clinic, also working in the Business Law Program; and Monica Bray, Associate Dean of Graduate Programs at the
College of Business. The Graduate Council voiced their comments and concerns that had been discussed prior to their entry, and received clarification from the Law and Business representatives. The Council ultimately decided that the proposal needs several amendments and more clarification worked into the language before they would approve it:

1. The proposal needs more structure, i.e. explain the collaboration between advisors of the two disciplines, clarify course numbers and get them regularized
   a. Associate Dean Bray affirmed that there is a history of joint advising in other programs, and that it had been a success. She recognizes that joint advising can be applied to this program as well.
   b. She also assured that required courses are either in the process of regularization or are intended to be changed in the future and therefore not needing to be regularized. There are also several courses listed that are, in fact, electives and do not need to be regularized.

2. Because class schedules between the Law School and the College of Business are very different, the proposal should inform students that advisors have a clear perspective on potential scheduling overlaps.
   a. Supervising Attorney Gibson believes that scheduling conflicts will be minimal. She found that the only potential for schedule overlap may occur when students are finishing up summer final exams while JD courses are starting, and this type of conflict is something advisors can help students navigate.

3. The proposal needs justification for the reduced credit requirement.
   a. Associate Dean Bray stated that the lost credits come from the professional development series and from electives. It follows the J.D. / M.B.A. model where the credits are decreased due it being concurrent, and not a standalone degree.
   b. The Graduate Council however still finds the drop from 45 to 36 required credits too heavy, and would like to discuss further.

Another point discussed was the success of the concurrent J.D. / M.B.A program. Associate Dean Bray stated that the J.D. / M.B.A. program is still very new so its success is difficult to project at the moment. She has however been reviewing the program’s process improvement plan and is considering ways it can be applied to the J.D. / M.S.F. program. It was also noted that there has been an increased number of business law applicants who want business courses in their repertoire, and that many employers are seeking individuals with a background in finance, which the M.S.F. degree provides.

**Ethnic Studies – New Certificate**

Associate Dean Andy Karduna next invited Lynn Fujiwara, Associate Professor in Indigenous Race and Ethnic Studies and Director of Graduate Studies, into the council meeting. Overall the Council had been impressed with the proposal, but found that it was mainly geared toward students who are on a path toward education, and that it oddly has no connection with the College of Education (COE).

Professor Fujiwara explained that she has been working with the COE to ensure there is no clash in educational ideals, and that the COE sees no problem with potential overlap. It is not the main goal to try and draw students from the COE, but rather to embrace the Oregon law that requires ethnic studies education for K-12. She believes that students having knowledge of this topic will help fortify their skills and enhance their marketability.

Professor Dorothee Ostmeier motioned to approve the Ethnic Studies Certificate, Professor Fabienne Moore seconded the motion. The council was in agreement.

The Council adjourned at 4:56PM.