The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm. The April 15, 2015 Graduate Council minutes were approved as distributed.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

**AAD Specialization Proposal in Performing Arts Management**

Professor Patricia Dewey Lambert of Arts and Administration attended the Graduate Council meeting to present an overview of the AAD Specialization Proposal in Performing Arts Management. Professor Lambert noted that the proposed Performing Arts management specialization has existed as a concentration area of graduate study for approximately 20 years. This formal graduate specialization will provide a transcripted area of emphasis for Arts and Administration Program Master’s degree students, all of whom receive either an MA or MS in Arts management. All resources are in place to convert the existing concentration area into a formal graduate specialization.

Interim Assistant Vice Provost Ron Bramhall asked if the specialization would be effective Fall 2015, and Professor Lambert responded that it would.

After Professor Lambert left the meeting, Graduate Council members further discussed the proposal and noted the need to correct the Event Management course number.

Professor Hodges moved to approve the AAD Specialization Proposal with the Event Management course number corrected. Associate Professor Victoria Herman seconded the motion. The Graduate Council unanimously approved the Proposal.

**African Studies Specialization Proposal**

Adjunct Instructor Melissa Graboyes and Associate Professor Yvonne Braun attended the Graduate Council meeting to present an overview of the African Studies Specialization Proposal. African Studies is a multi-disciplinary program with 28 affiliated faculty members representing more than 21 departments on campus. African Studies began awarding undergraduate minors in 2006. The proposed African Studies specialization will allow graduate students to engage African Studies more formally in their studies by combining the specialization with their primary degree. This specialization will be open to students in all graduate degree programs at the Masters or Ph.D. level.

After Adjunct Instructor Graboyes and Associate Professor Braun left the meeting, Graduate Council members further discussed the proposal and the need to:

- Include a parenthetical about the topics courses (e.g. RL 623 will only count towards the specialization when the title/topic is X);
• Correct the proposal to indicate five not six AFR prefix classes have been submitted to the Registrar’s Office;
• Address the CAS recommendations.

Professor Hodges moved to approve the African Studies Specialization Proposal with the recommendations listed above. Professor Garcia-Pabon seconded the motion. The Graduate Council approved the proposal with one member abstaining from the vote.

**English and Political Science Specialization Proposal in Culture, Identity, and Politics**

Associate Professor Daniel HoSang attended the Graduate Council meeting to present an overview of the English and Political Science Specialization Proposal in Culture, Identity, and Politics (CIP). Associate Professor HoSang noted that the CIP specialization will benefit graduate students entering the job market. He opened the floor for questions.

Professor White stated that the terms Culture, Identity and Policy suggested to her that the specialization was in Anthropology, and she asked if the title of the specialization should be changed. Professor Hodges was not sure that a title change was necessary, as this specialization is intended to appeal to a narrow set of students in English and Political Science.

Dean Pratt asked about Dissertation Requirements set out in the proposal; specifically the requirement that states, “The student’s dissertation committee must include at least one other member of the CIP participating faculty from outside the student’s department (this person may also serve as the student’s institutional representative).” Dean Pratt noted that the Institutional Representative on a Dissertation Committee is intended to be an outside person, and this requirement seems to challenge that notion. Associate Professor HoSang agreed that this may require more thought.

Associate Professor HoSang left the meeting, and Council members further discussed the proposal.

The Council agreed that the proposal would benefit from additional time for development and that the proposal should be revised. When the proposal is brought to the Council in the fall, they would like the departments to address the following issues:

- Dissertation Committee structure;
- Title of the specialization;
- What students are eligible and would benefit from the specialization; i.e., what is the intended student population for the specialization;
- Culture, Identity, and Politics are very broad themes that are found in work across campus. Is the intention to provide a specialization that will help students look at these through a specific disciplinary lens;
- What are the requirements to become and remain a participating faculty member?

**M.Ed., M.S. and Ph.D. New Degree Programs in Prevention Science and Health Promotion**

Professor Leslie Leve of Family and Human Services and Professor Benedict McWhirter of Counseling Psychology attended the Graduate Council meeting to provide an overview of the M.Ed., M.S., and Ph.D. New Degree Programs in Prevention Science and Health Promotion.

Associate Professor Russial asked about the external reviewers’ comments about increasing the targeted enrollment. Professor McWhirter stated that the plan is to start with a smaller enrollment and continue to grow the program as the undergraduate program develops.

Professors Leve and McWhirter left the meeting, and the Council briefly discussed the new degree programs.
Professor White moved to approve the M.Ed., M.S. and Ph.D. Degree Programs in Prevention Science and Health Promotion. Associate Professor Russial seconded the motion. The motion passed, with one member abstaining.

M.S. in Sports Product Design and M.Des in Product Design

Assistant Professor Jason Germany, Associate Professor Kiersten Muenchinger, and Assistant Professor Wonhee Arndt, all from Product Design, attended the Graduate Council meeting to present the proposed M.S. in Sports Product Design and M.Des. in Product Design. Professor Germany noted that the M.S. in Sports Product Design will be offered in Portland. The program will start with a small cohort of six students. This is a two-year program with a capstone project, not a thesis. The sports product industry in Portland necessitated the need for this program.

Professor White asked about course numbers being regularized. Assistant Professor Germany stated that it is his understanding that all courses are in the process of being regularized.

Professor Hodges asked about the new faculty to be hired and if they were the same people for both programs. Assistant Professor Germany responded that the plan is to hire five new faculty and they will teach in both programs.

Professor Hodges asked if assignments in design studio classes are done individually or as a class. Assistant Professor Germany responded that studio classes are topical. Sometimes they are done as a team; sometimes not.

Professors Germany, Muenchinger, and Arndt left the meeting, and the Council discussed the proposals.

The Council agreed that these proposals are valuable and would fulfill a currently unmet need for these programs in Oregon; however, the proposals would benefit from additional development. The Council would like the proposers to address the following:

- The use of topics courses;
- The content of studio courses;
- The issue of library resources;
- The structure of the thesis committees;
- References to coursework in other disciplines.

The Council was supportive of bringing revised proposals back to the Council in the Fall term. In the interim Professors White and Hodges volunteered to meet with the proposers to be of assistance.

Adjourn

The Council adjourned at 5:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances White
Graduate Council Secretary