



Minutes of Meeting
Graduate Council
January 22, 2009; 1:05—1:35 p.m.
Reeve Memorial Union 220

Present: Gary Adams, Denise Clark, Susan Cramer, Leona Dempsey, Roxana Huebscher, Karen King, Jim Koch, Lynn Mozingo, Diane Park, Marguerite Parks, Christine Roth, Alan Saginak, Joan Simmons, Fredi Staerke, Jennifer Szydlak, Michael Tippins, Greg Wypiszynski

Dean-in-Residence: Fred Yeo
Graduate Council Chair: To be determined

Excused:

Absent: Judith Hankes, Ruwan Hemachandra, Thomas Lammers, Fran Rauscher

Invited Guests: None

The meeting was called to order by Greg Wypiszynski at 1:05 p.m.

Approval Items

1. Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) Proposal, College of Nursing
 - A. Curriculum Approval Committee (CAC) Report

The CAC submitted a memo to the Graduate Council on January 20, 2009, stating it unanimously approved the DNP proposal, the Form C (Program Action Sheet), and the seven 800-level “bridge” courses that comprise the third year of the DNP program (the “bridge”). At the time of the CAC’s review, the course syllabi were “in progress.” The CAC did receive complete course syllabi for all of the courses. Jim Koch, CAC Chair, noted that the third paragraph of the memo should be revised to state that “the CAC also recommends approval of the “seven ‘bridge’ courses (Forms A).” He will revise the memo and send it to Greg W. for distribution to the Graduate Council.

The second external reviewer’s report of the DNP proposal is still forthcoming. Roxie Huebscher commented that the first external reviewer gave a very positive review. The reviewer did comment that the number of credits in the DNP capstone project seemed low.

B. Discussion

Question: Will the DNP require new preceptors or clinical sites?

Response: No.

Question: Will part-time and full-time options be available?

Response: Yes.

Question: Will the DNP change the College of Nursing's accreditation process?

Response: The CON will use the DNP accreditation criteria instead of master's criteria.

Question: What if the DNP proposal is not approved?

Response: By 2015 all advanced practice students must be enrolled in a DNP program. Many DNP programs have emerged regionally. If the DNP proposal is not approved at UW Oshkosh, there is a fear the MSN program would lose advanced practice students.

Comment: The vetting and due diligence of the Graduate Council's review of the DNP proposal is impressive.

Motion/second by S. Cramer/L. Dempsey to approve the action recommended by the Curriculum Approval Committee's memo, as edited: approve the DNP proposal, the Form C, and the seven 800-level "bridge" courses. Motion passed: Yes-15; No-0; Abstain-0.

2. Graduate Council Chair

There is one candidate for the Graduate Chair position. The term is Spring 2009 through Spring 2011. Discussion followed.

- A. Candidate's qualifications compared to the position description: Based on the information the candidate presented, he does not have previous experience as a graduate program coordinator nor teaching in a graduate program. The Provost expressed concern about this.
- B. Perhaps it would be helpful for the Graduate Council to meet with the candidate.
- C. The position description of the Graduate Council Chair does not preclude this candidate from being considered.
- D. Could have the candidate serve as Graduate Council Chair for Spring 2009, with the possibility of adding the two additional years to the term.
- E. The Graduate Council Bylaws would permit concurrently considering the candidate but also continuing the search.

- F. Could request an expanded statement of interest, to be more focused on graduate education.
- G. Is it possible there was only one response because the term is 2 ½ years in length?
- H. Have to assume the position is “open until filled,” because the Graduate Council needs a Chair.

Motion/second by G. Adams/J. Szydlik to vote on accepting the candidate who made application for Graduate Council Chair. Motion denied: Yes-0; No-15; Abstain-0.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m. The Graduate Council then joined a larger group for a Graduate Enrollment Summit meeting.

Gloria Splittgerber, Recorder

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