

University Graduate Council
GL 835/HL 210 – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
December 4, 2015 – Bulletin 2 Hearings

Graduate Council members present: Alok Deoraj, (PH) Chair, Karlene Cousins (BU), Vice Chair, Hector Huerta (CNHS), Gwyn Davies (AS), Berrin Tansel (EG), Eunju Suh (HM), Gray Read for Lynne Webb (CARTA), Fred Blevens (JM), Michele Anglade for Manuel Gomez (Law), Adis Beesting (Library), Nazira El-Hage (MED), Andres Gil, Vice President for Research, Ex Officio

Curriculum Committee members present: Fred Blevens (SJMC), Chair, Joyce Peterson (AS), Rich Klein (BU), Sarah Sherman (CARTA), Michele Odai (CNHS), Eva Frank (ED), Vukosava Pekovic (PH), Ana Morales for Jenny Fortun (MED)

Guests – Susan Himburg, Associate Vice President for Academic Planning & Accountability, Charlie Andrews, Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Education, Kevin O’Shea, Sonja Montas-Hunter, Eric Dwyer, College of Education

Meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

New Graduate Track: MS in Chemistry with Report Option presented by Watson J. Lees.

- Proposal to allow students to be awarded the Masters en-route to the Ph.D.
- Proposed to make the distinction that MS degrees in Chemistry usually require a thesis.
- Students may also apply directly to this program without the more formal thesis.
- Students eligible to select this degree only after they have advanced to candidacy.
- Number of students choosing this option is expected to be quite low.
- Correct proposal to indicate that students are admitted in Fall & Spring terms only.

MOTIONS:

The motion to approve the **New Graduate Track: MS in Chemistry with Report Option** was moved and unanimously **approved** by the Graduate Council.

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New Graduate Degree: Master of Science in Logistics Engineering presented by Chin-Sheng Chen.

- Program proposed to fulfill need expressed by the community & Beacon Council.

- Other degrees are currently offered and we have been tasked to propose a degree for many years.
- Students in Bachelors degree working in the field would benefit from this program.
- Miami is an important logistics hub for the US & Latin America.
- Discussion ensued regarding that all the core courses are offered only in the fall term. Department may review when they are offered in the future.
- Recommended that the course plans be less rigid to allow students more flexibility for completion of the degree.
- No required capstone course, but students may select to complete a final project.
- Professional outcomes are assessed by the students & employers by survey and built into the entire curriculum.
- Currently recruiting one more faculty member.
- Collaborating with industry partners in the community.

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Discussion - Credits from certificate courses that can be applied to Master's degree

Eric Dwyer, College of Education

- Professional Graduate Certificate are congruent to 6 courses of the Masters program.
- Policy currently limits certificate transfer to 12 credits.
- Certificate students may end up taking more courses than Masters student.
- Courses in Certificate & Masters are exactly the same courses.
- Certificates now must be standalone certificates with learning outcomes.
- B or higher in each course to transfer the courses into the Masters.
- May change the policy or grant an exception to the program.
- Program will petition an exception to the policy from the Graduate School to accept coursework with a grade of B into the Masters program.
- Applies to the Graduate Certificate Program in TESOL & Spanish Bilingual Certificate

Update from the Andres Gil, Vice President of Research

- Continue to work on reviewing police & procedures.
- Working on meeting with department staff on December 11 and working to streamline systems & procedures.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adis Beesting, Library, Graduate Council