

University Graduate Council
GL 835/HL 210 – 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
February 19, 2016 – Bulletin 4 Hearings

Graduate Council members present: Alok Deoraj, (PH) Chair, Karlene Cousins (BU), Vice Chair, Lynne Webb (CARTA), Lynne Richard for Hector Huerta (CNHS), Joyce Peterson for Gwyn Davies (AS), Berrin Tansel (EG), Eunju Suh (HM), Fred Blevens (JM), Adis Beesting (Library), Nazira El-Hage (MED), Michelle Anglade for M. Gomez (LAW),

Curriculum Committee members present: Fred Blevens (SJMC), Chair, Michele Odai (CNHS), Tracey Weiler for Jenny Fortun (MED), Michelle Anglade (LAW), Michael Cheng (HM), Kenneth Henry (BU), Joyce Peterson (AS), Gricel Dominguez (Library), Vukosava Pekovic (PH)

Guests – Susan Himburg, Associate Vice President for Academic Planning & Accountability, Maria Cossio, Faculty Senate, Andres Gil, Vice President of Research

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

New Graduate Degree Program: Masters of Arts in Disaster Management (Online) presented by Tom Congdon

- 39 students are currently enrolled in the F2F program.
- Asked to develop an online program by many students.
- Programs based on the 10 courses in existing program.
- Met with FIU Online to create online/hybrid versions of the existing courses.
- January 2017 launch if program is approved.
- Since they are just converting the program to online, this program may be up and running before January 2017.
- Demand for this program is national & international.
- Student Learning outcomes & program outcomes are included in the proposal.
- FES 6805 - Field Application course will still be required to be taken in Miami.
- Discussion ensued on why the program is offered as an M.A. vs. M.S.
- Online program will not impact demand for classroom program. Many students in the local area prefer the classroom experience.

MOTIONS:

The motion to approve the **New Graduate Degree Program: Masters of Arts in Disaster Management (Online)** was moved and unanimously **approved** by the Graduate Council.

The motion to approve the **New Graduate Degree Program: Masters of Arts in**

Disaster Management (Online) was moved and unanimously **approved** by the Curriculum Committee.

New Graduate Major: Ph.D. in Public Health - Health Systems Research presented by Tim Page

- College of Public Health has 4 tracks under the Ph.D. and now the department is ready to have a departmental specialization in the PhD.
- Major focuses on Affordable Care Act, Healthcare Reforms, and Population Health Management.
- Curriculum is consistent with other existing tracks in Public Health Ph.D.
- The department has developed a 4 year plan and this degree will contribute to University's mission to increase graduate degrees awarded.
- Doctoral students will be supported through research & training grants and many students will pay their way.

MOTIONS:

The motion to approve the **New Graduate Major: Ph.D. in Public Health – Health Systems Research** was moved and unanimously **approved** by the Graduate Council.

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New Graduate Track: MPH, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Concentration in Maternal & Child Health presented by Consuelo Beck-Sague

- The department was charged to develop a concentration & a certificate to develop this proposal.
- Needs assessment conducted that suggested a substantial unmet need in South Florida.
- None of the PH degrees offered by institutions in the local area have this concentration.
- Identified a number of significant issues and a perceived need in the community. Many of the potential students are already employed in this field.
- Program includes many courses from other departments within the College.

MOTIONS:

The motion to approve the **New Graduate Track: MPH, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Concentration in Maternal & Child Health** was moved and unanimously **approved** by the Graduate Council.

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unanimously **approved** by the Curriculum Committee

Unit Specific Admissions Requirements: Professional Masters of Business Administration with a Health Management Track presented by Miriam Weissmann

- Desire to change Admissions criteria based on a review of the applicant pool. Many applicants do not apply because of the 4 -year employment requirement.
- Admission requirements are currently a GPA of 3.0 & work experience. Program created for early to mid-career professionals. The 4-year employment requirement excludes many early to mid-career professionals.
- Most programs have a one-year experience requirement and we miss those early to mid-career professionals and qualified students.
- Each exception requires an exception to the Graduate School. This proposal increases the pool of candidates and eliminates the number of exceptions submitted to the Graduate School.

MOTIONS:

The motion to approve the **Unit Specific Admissions Requirements: Professional Masters of Business Administration with a Health Management Track** was moved and unanimously **approved** by the Graduate Council.

New Business

Should departments be looking at proposing new Ph.D. programs?

- Encourage departments to look at adding new tracks in existing Ph.D. programs.
- Be creative in combining disciplines also.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adis Beesting, Library, Graduate Council