

University Graduate Council
& Curriculum Committee
GL 835 – 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
February 21, 2014 - Bulletin 4 Hearings

Graduate Council members present: Fred Blevens (SJMC), Chair, Adis Beesting (Library), Gladys Simpson (BU), Jinlin Zhoa (HM), Laura DeCarli (AS), Gray Read (CARTA), Matthew Mirow, (Law), Elizabeth Cramer (ED), Hector Huerta (CNHS), Lidia Kos, (Graduate School)

Curriculum Committee members present: Shahid Hamid (BU), Chair, Ava Iuliano (Library), Michele Odai (CNHS) Ebru Özer (CARTA), Quentin Felty (CPHSW), Joyce Peterson (AS), Carlos Suris (JM), Nikolaos Tsoukias (EG), Paulo Chaves (COM), Noah Weisbord (LAW)

Guest: Susan Himburg, Director of Academic Planning and Accountability

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

New Graduate Degree Program: Master in Cybersecurity presented by Geoffrey Smith

- Joint proposal between SCIS & ECE. The program is open to students with Bachelors in various disciplines.
- The program will have a technical focus.
- Core and elective courses are distributed between both departments.
- First program in Florida.
- Faculty resources are needed and if approved without new faculty resources the department chairs would determine whether to go forward with the program.
- UCF program by the same name has a management focus and is considerably less technical.
- All new courses are currently proposed in Bulletin 4.

- Concerns were raised at being able to enroll 42 students in beginning cohort.
- Large interest in the state to grow this area.
- Advised to include data regarding student interest and industry need.
- Attach to proposal as an appendix.

The motion to approve the **New Graduate Degree Program: Master in Cybersecurity** pending inclusion of additional data on student demand was moved. The motion was unanimously approved by the Graduate Council and the University Curriculum Committee.

New Graduate Degree Program: Online Master in Engineering Management presented by Chin-Sheng Chen

- Exact curriculum & admission standards as existing face to face program.
- Concerns regarding verification of student identity enrolled in program were raised.
- FIU Online is in charge of this verification.
- Proctored exams are administered through ProctorU.
- Additional screening and safeguards are in place to monitor this issue.
- Payment of faculty salaries & fiscal concerns were raised.

The motion to approve the **New Graduate Degree Program: Online Master in Engineering Management** was moved. The motion was unanimously approved by the Graduate Council and the University Curriculum Committee.

New Graduate Degree Program: Online Master in Computer Engineering presented by Alexander Perez-Pons

- Anticipate that many of these students are within 100 mile radius of the University.

- Feeder for this program will come from current pool of undergraduate students.
- Running program successfully on the weekends.
- FIU Online conducted market study for this program and there is demand.
- Concerns regarding lack of information on this program in catalog and website.
- Recommended that the College review track language and coursework and update the program if they so wish.
- No tracks are officially approved for this degree.

The motion to approve the **New Graduate Degree Program: Online Master in Computer Engineering** was moved. The motion was approved by the Graduate Council and the University Curriculum Committee.

New Graduate Track: Online Global Strategic Communication presented by David Park

- This proposal is the online version of the revised in-person program.
- Added 2 new courses and changed course titles to existing program.
- 9 month faculty will be paid 12.5% of their salary. Adjuncts will be paid \$5000/course.
- Concerns over faculty welfare and low per course rate were raised.
- Program will admit in both fall & spring.
- Assessments are usually project based, but the program must have a secure way of administering online assessments and budgets that support that.
- Recommend that program review how much would be required to fund use of ProctorU or other proctoring services..

The motion to approve the **New Graduate Track: Online Global Strategic Communication** pending revisions was moved.

- Revised proposal to include a line item for examination proctoring.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Graduate Council and the University Curriculum Committee.

Having no further business the Curriculum Committee adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Establish Unit-Specific Graduate Admission Standards: Master of Public Administration- Executive Track presented by Mohamad G. Alkadry

- Degree is offered in 4 different ways.
- Changes requested will allow GMAT & LSAT scores also to accommodate the inter-disciplinarity of the degree.
- Adding that if students have taken 18 graduate credits with a B or better that may be taken into admission as an indicator.
- Adding “substantial administrative experience” to admission requirements.

Establish Unit-Specific Graduate Admission Standards: Master of Public Administration presented by Mohamad G. Alkadry

The motion to approve a combined motion was moved and unanimously approved.

The motion to approve **Unit-Specific Graduate Admission Standards for the Master of Public Administration- Executive Track & Unit-Specific Graduate Admission Standards for the Master of Public Administration** was moved and unanimously approved by the Graduate Council.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adis Beesting, Secretary, Graduate Council