

Curriculum Committee- Bulletin 3 Hearings
January 18, 2013 - 10:30 a.m. – Noon
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Graduate Council members present: Fred Blevens (SJMC), Chair, Adis Beesting (Library), Winifred Newman (CARTA), Karlene Cousins (BU), Kyle Perkins for Liz Cramer (ED) Mary Tanke (HM), Rita Mukhopadhyay (COM), Matthew Mirow (Law), Kang K. Yen (CEC), Alok Deoraj (CPHSW), Lidia Kos, (Graduate School), Dennis McCarthy, (CNHS), Svetlana Tyutina, Graduate Student, Ex-Officio,

Curriculum Committee members present: Shahid Hamid (BU), Chair, Noah Weisbord (LAW), Joyce Peterson (AS), Ava Iuliano (Library), Twila Mae Logan (HM), M.O. Thirunarayanan (ED), Joel Galand (CARTA), Nagarajan Prabakar (EG), Paulo Chaves (COM), Michele Odai (CNHS)

Hearings:

NAME: [New Graduate Degree Program: International Crime and Justice](#)

CONTACT: Lisa Stolzenberg

Lisa Stolzenberg presented the proposal for a New Graduate Degree in International Crime and Justice.

S. Hamid raised the concerns of the last hearing and asked the presenters to address these concerns. The committees are taking extra care with this degree as it sets a precedent for offering online PhDs. This requires additional review.

Program met with Law school and revised curriculum accordingly. Added that Law faculty could participate in and chair dissertation committees. This proposal is a direct result of collaboration among various units.

General Elective CCJ 6926– Supervised Teaching included as an elective, but not all students would have to take this course. Concerns still present whether students would have the ability to observe teaching and participate in fellowships to learn how to teach.

John Stack & Ken Furton spoke in support of the proposal. A dozen degrees in A &S are fully offered online already. The University is behind in offering online PhD programs as their peer institutions are already doing so (Auburn, UF, GWU, ASU). The programs include faculty teaching online & face to face.

Residency requirements are met in a variety of ways in the programs offered. Important to make sure that the integrity of the degree and the faculty mentor & student relationship is maintained.

On-site proctoring of exams is another way to assure that the students are held to high

academic standards. ProctorU being currently piloted. Reviewing ways to ensure academic integrity. Fees paid for by the program. The design of the exams is another way to ensure academic integrity. Asking students to submit a qualifying paper may be a more beneficial way to assess mastery.

Concerns regarding the community of learning were also discussed. Reciprocal exchange of knowledge is a foundational goal of PhD programs. How does the online program support this goal since they are not engaging with undergraduates & masters students?

The TAs would be engaging with students in an online environment working with undergraduates.

Concerns about the competitiveness of the degree in light of the others programs in the international field. We need to be very clear about what jobs these candidates will be ready and able to fill.

It was recommended that the name of the program be changed to International Criminology. Further discussion on giving these students a teaching experience is required.

Are we going to differentiate the medium of the instruction in the degree?

- A motion to approve subject to the modifications that were stated by presenters concerning the curriculum and also subject to University requirements that will be established by the appropriate bodies for the proposal for a **New Graduate Degree in International Crime and Justice** was moved.

Motion failed for the Graduate Council & the Curriculum Committee

- A motion to table the proposal for a **New Graduate Degree in International Crime and Justice** subject to the establishment of policies & procedures of online PhD programs by the appropriate bodies was moved and approved by the Graduate Council & the Curriculum Committee.

NAME: [Establish Unit-Specific Graduate Admission Standards](#)

COLLEGE: College Architecture and the Arts

CONTACT: Joel Galand & Patrick Schmidt

Program had no students and currently there are 7 students in the program. None of the Florida State universities require the GRE for Music Education. GRE scores in this discipline are only in 47 % of schools offering the program.

GRE requirement replaced by the following requirements:

- Letters of recommendation
- Interview
- 1000 word essay on a specific topic
- Video excerpt of their teaching

The candidates are already teachers and certified by the State to teach. GRE is at best predictive of success in their first semester only and not indicative of success in the program overall.

The School of Music requests that the GRE be eliminated as a requirement for admission to the Master Of Science Degree in Music Education.

- A motion to the proposal was moved and unanimously approved by the Graduate Council.

Adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adis Beesting, Secretary, Graduate Council