

University Graduate Council  
GL 835/HL 210 – 10:30 a.m. - Noon  
November 6, 2015 – Bulletin1 Hearings

**Graduate Council members present:** Alok Deoraj, Chair, Karlene Cousins, (BU) Vice-Chair, Hector Huerta (CNHS), Berrin Tansel (EG), Eunju Suh (HM), Fred Blevens (JM), Michele Anglade for Manuel Gomez (Law), Adis Beesting (Library), Andres Gil, Ex Officio

**Curriculum Committee members present:** Fred Blevens (SJMC), Chair, Joyce Peterson (AS), Kenneth Henry (BU), Sarah Shrman (CARTA), Michele Odai (CNHS), Michele Anglade (Law), Grisel Dominguez (Library),

**Guests** – Susan Himburg, Associate Vice President for Academic Planning & Accountability, Charlie Andrews, Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Education

Meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m.

**New Graduate Degree Program: Juris Master presented by Dean Acosta and Tawia Ansah.**

- The scope of legal education has changed and applicants to law school have decreased by 50% due to changing nature of legal industry and number of existing lawyers.
- Trend has shown an increase nationwide of the Juris Masters degree
- Program is a one-year post bachelors degree which does not qualify them to be a lawyer, but gives them the skills to work in the field.
- Nova University has a program enrolling 90-100 students.
- FSU has a program and UM is considering offering a program.
- Areas of concentration include Healthcare Compliance, Banking & Financial Services, Education, and Human Resources.
- J.M. degree program more beneficial than the Legal Certificate program for certain students.
- FIU should be at the forefront of offering this degree locally.
- Initial roll out of the program will offer Track 1, concentration on Advanced Legal Skills & Litigation Management.
- J.M. degree offered as a self-supporting program.
- Other areas of concentration will be offered later- Health Law, Banking & Finance Law, Employment & Labor Law, and Education Law.
- Students are not required to finish the program in one-year, but the program will be structured so that students complete it during that timeframe - 11 credits in the fall, 13 credits in the spring, and 6 credits in the summer.
- Initial enrollment for the program will be 15-20 students so as to focus on quality versus quantity.

- This program emphasizes a different skill set than the J.D.
- All new courses are proposed in Bulletin 1.

**MOTIONS:**

The motion to approve the New Graduate Degree Program: **Juris Master** was moved and unanimously **approved** by the Graduate Council.

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**New Graduate Track: Operations Management of Orthotics and Prosthetics to the Master of Science in Engineering Management by Chin-Sheng Chen.**

- Proposed track to be offered as an online Track to the Master of Science in Engineering Management
- Proposed track is a collaboration with the JE Hanger College of Orthotics and Prosthetics at St. Petersburg College (SPC) who wish to offer their qualified students who have received a Bachelor of Applied Sciences in Orthotics and Prosthetics at SPC an opportunity to conduct their graduate studies at FIU.
- Students with a Bachelor of Applied Sciences in Orthotics and Prosthetics from SPC require a professional Masters to practice.
- MSEM is an online program and is already up & running with 17 students. Majority of the courses already exist, only one course is being proposed.
- EGN 6xxx Graduate Internship - Orthotics and Prosthetics Clinical Rotation is only new course.
- New track will add about 10 students.
- Potential for future partnerships with other colleges across the country.

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Dr. Andres Gil, Vice President for Research provided an update on the transition of the University Graduate School into the Research Office.

- Goal of the transition is to centralize functions for admissions, budgeting etc.
- Goal is to reduce the staffing costs of the Graduate School in order to better support students.

- Strategic Planning goals connect the Graduate School & Research Office's objectives.
- Desire to establish a postdoctoral program.
- Graduate School will focus more on the mentoring of PhDs, supporting faculty, and creating professional development opportunities for graduate students. New arrangement aims is to minimize the processing functions of the Graduate School so they are able to mentor and support graduate students.
- Graduate School to focus on student support.
- Currently reviewing all the policies & procedures of the Graduate School.
- A full review of Graduate School Policies & Procedures will be brought to the Council.
- Optimal model would have a Graduate School Associate Dean who is also a V.P. of the Office of Research.
- Looking to work with Curriculum Committee & Graduate Council to find ways to see what can be improved.

#### **Proposed Policy on Faculty Participation in Thesis and Doctoral Oral Defenses**

- Discussion ensued and the policy discussion will continue.
- A revised copy of the policy will be discussed at the Bulletin 2 meeting on December 4.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adis Beesting, Library, Graduate Council