Graduate Academic Council
2010 – 2011

Minutes of the Council meeting for December 3, 2010
Approved by the Council on January 24, 2011

In attendance: J. Baronner (staff), J. Bartow (staff), F. Bolton (staff), S. Chittur,
                          S. Commuri, N. Fahrenkopf, L. Fuller, T. Groves, L. Kranich (Chair),
                          H. Miller

Unable to attend: J. Aini, S. Kazanas, F. Leiva, W. Lanford, K. Williams

1. Minutes

    Minutes from the November 9th and November 19th meetings should be available by
    next week's meeting on December 10th.

2. Chair's report –L. Kranich

    The Chair requested the December 10th meeting be rescheduled for 1:30-3:00 PM.
    An e-mail will be forthcoming regarding the location.

    Also, the Chair will not be able to attend the Senate meeting on December 13th.
    Council member Tim Groves will represent GAC at that meeting. The Chair
    mentioned the Senate Executive Committee has agreed to consider the combined BS/
    MA Economics bill for placement on the agenda for the December 13th Senate
    meeting providing it obtains the necessary council approvals. UAC approved the
    proposal Friday, and UPPC will meet later today.

    The Chair of UPPC has requested background materials concerning the deactivation
    of the professional teaching certification track within the Educational Psychology and
    Methodology MS program. According to the Senate Charter, UPPC has
    responsibility for the oversight of educational programs. However, GAC has the
    final approval of revisions to existing graduate degree programs. UPPC will place
    this item on their agenda for this week's meeting.

    The Executive Committee met on November 29th. Two charter amendments were
    proposed by GOV. The first was to require that the chair of CPCA hold the rank of
    full professor. The Committee voted to advance this amendment to the full Senate.
    The second proposal was to require that the Senate approve the slate of Council
    Chairs. However, there was insufficient time to discuss the second proposal and it
    will be placed on the agenda for the next SEC meeting. Chair Kranich requested that
    Council members forward any comments on this issue to him in advance of the
    meeting.

4. Discussion of CAA Assessment Reports

    Thus far, the Council has discussed the assessment reports on Computer Science and History. Both still require summary reports. Discussion of History continued, and Council member H. Miller agreed to draft a summary statement. Upon approval by the Council, the summaries can be posted on the IR web site along with the other assessment materials. The Chair mentioned that the summary reports should contain suggestions and responses to the assessment report recommendations, if any.

    Council member S. Chittur presented the Informatics assessment report from 2008-09. Council member L. Fuller reported on the English Department's assessment report from 2007-2008. She will forward her description to Council members if they wish. The Chair mentioned that it should be conveyed to all programs that they should include outcome measures in their self-studies. The Council will continue the discussion of CAA assessment reports at the December 10th meeting if time permits.

END OF GAC 12/3/2010 MINUTES

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