

5-4-2012 GAC Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting for May 4, 2012
Approved by the Council on September 21, 2012

In attendance: J. Baronner (staff), J. Bartow (staff), J. Bissonnette, F. Bolton (staff), P. Caban, S. Commuri, C. Duncan, T. Groves (Chair), L. Halpern, A. Krause, D. Mancini, M. VanUllen, K. Williams

Unable to attend: A. Assuwiyan, B. Dieffenbach, D. Dewar, G. Robinson,

Guest: John Pipkin, Associate Dean of Arts & Sciences

The meeting was called to order by Chair Groves at 2:48 PM.

1. Consideration of minutes for the 4/4/2012 GAC meeting

The Council unanimously approved the 4/4/2012 minutes.

2. Dean's report – K. Williams

No report was given.

3. Chair's Report – T. Groves

No report was given.

4. Committee Reports

CC&I – S. Chittur, Chair

Request to Revise the Liberal Studies MA Degree Program

The Committee passed the proposal via e-mail voting. Since Charles Shepherdson from the English Department was unable to attend, Professor John Pipkin represented him at today's meeting. Professor Pipkin mentioned the proposal is a revised four credit research thesis, and that he thoroughly supports the proposal. Admissions were discontinued until these revisions were implemented. The Director is Charles Shepherdson. Both he and John Pipkin will handle the program until the end of summer to assist Professor Rachel Dressler, the head of the program. Professor Pipkin mentioned that the proposal was presented at an Arts & Sciences Chairs meeting. He will update a small change to the typical thesis language. It was mentioned this is an open door to doctoral studies and would provide many students with a segway into other programs. Professor Pipkin mentioned that new admission rules and criteria would prevent weak students from being admitted to the program. A member mentioned that inclusion of the Political Science Department seems at odds and may need clarification. Professor Pipkin mentioned that students in predecessor programs were all over the place, but everything now is more clearly defined. The Chair suggested three changes minor changes in the language of the proposal. Jon Bartow will request that Charles Shepherdson revise the proposal and will then forward the updated proposal to the Chair. A motion was carried by the Council, and the amended proposal passed with one abstention.

Chair Groves mentioned that the proposal had been discussed at a Senate Executive Committee meeting. It was confirmed that acceptance of the revision by the GAC represents final acceptance of the proposal. Jon Bartow stated in a separate e-mail that this is in keeping with the letter of the Senate Charter and Bylaws. Chair Groves reported final acceptance of the MALS revisions at the subsequent Senate meeting on May 14, 2012. His report was accepted without comment by the Senate.

Proposal for Requirement Changes to Industrial/Organization Psychology PhD Program

Dean Williams acknowledged a job well done and stated the proposal is a vast improvement over the present program. Program requirements for the doctoral degree have not been updated since 2003. The proposed minor changes to the program would bring requirements up to date. The CC&I Committee's report was carried unanimously by the Council.

CEP&P – S. Commuri, Chair

No business was conducted.

CAAS: Shadi Shahedipour

Jon Bartow mentioned that a student case arrived yesterday. Since time was not available for a committee meeting, the Council discussed the case. It was agreed that the case would be postponed and returned to the department. Chair Groves informed the department by e-mail. The Council approved this plan unanimously except for one abstention.

5. Old Business

The Council approved the Criminal Justice assessment report provided by J. Bissonnette.

2011-2012 assessments will continue at the Fall meetings.

6. New Business

No new business was conducted.

Future Meetings:

The Council's future meetings will be determined in the Fall. Chair thanked the Council for their work. Andy Lyon is the in-coming Senate Chair. The Senate will meet to nominate a GAC Chair for the 2012-2013 session.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Groves at 3:53 PM.

END OF GAC 5/4/2012 MINUTES
