

Graduate Academic Council 2010 – 2011

Minutes of the Council meeting for May 9, 2011
Approved by the Council on September 22, 2011

In attendance: J. Aini, J. Baronner (staff), J. Bartow (Staff), F. Bolton (Staff), S. Chittur,
S. Commuri, C. Fox, L. Fuller, L. Kranich (Chair), H. Miller, K. Williams

Unable to attend: R. Beach, N. Fahrenkopf, T. Groves, S. Kazanas, W. Lanford,
T. Timmons, F. Leiva

Agenda

1. Minutes from the April 8, 2011 GAC meeting were approved unanimously. The minutes from the April 29, 2011 meeting were approved with a minor correction.
2. Dean's Report – K. Williams

The Dean mentioned that the University's strategic plan has been on the University web site since December. A task force and committees to implement the graduate components will be formed in the next two weeks. The development of a coherent set of metrics is the first item on the agenda.

3. Chair's Report – L. Kranich

No report.

4. Old Business

Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Leadership Curricular Changes

CC&I met on March 14th to review the further clarification received from the program director regarding the role of Social Welfare courses. The Chair mentioned that at the April 8th GAC meeting there was some confusion over the apparent asymmetry between requiring that courses be taken in Rockefeller College but not in the School of Social Welfare. The Chair read the following from page two of the proposal:

“This Certificate of Graduate Study requires 5 courses. Three of the 5 courses must be taken in addition to courses counted toward a degree program in which the student is concurrently or previously enrolled. At least 2 courses must be taken in Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy.”

Subsequently, the program director explained that while students are encouraged to take at least one course in the School of Social Welfare, they are not required to do so. The purpose of requiring that courses be taken at Rockefeller College is to ensure that students are exposed to a diversity of perspectives. However, given the multidisciplinary perspectives to which students are exposed at Rockefeller College, it is not necessary to require the reverse.

The Council unanimously approved the Certificate with a minor correction.

Continuation of CAA Reviews

The Chair mentioned that he had received revisions of some of the remaining drafts. Final status of CAA reviews is as follows:

Physics – no report received from F. Leiva.

Information Science – brief GAC discussion now included and recommendation added. The final document was approved by the Council.

Philosophy – the final document was approved by the Council.

English – the final document was approved by the Council.

Educational Administration and Policy Studies – the final document was approved by the Council.

Criminal Justice – the Chair will request an update from W. Lanford.

Sociology – the report should include GAC recommendations and/or requests for clarification. The Chair will request an update from S. Kazanas.

Psychology – the report should include a summary of GAC discussion. J. Aini will revise and redistribute to Council members.

5. Kudos

Council members thanked Chair Kranich for his dedication and hard work chairing GAC for the past three and a half years.

END OF GAC 5/9/2011 MINUTES
