

5-9-2013 GAC Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting for May 9, 2013

Approved by the Council on September 17, 2013

In attendance: J. Baronner (staff), J. Bartow (staff), F. Bolton (staff), P. Caban, B. Dieffenbach, S. Commuri, T. Groves (Chair), G. Kane, A. Krause, P. Terpelets, M. VanUllen, K. Williams, A. Zemel

Unable to attend: L. Jome, D. Mancini, K. Truby, M. VanUllen, R. Yang

Guests: R. Karl Rethemeyer, Associate Professor, Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy and Erika G. Martin, Assistant Professor, Public Administration and Policy

The meeting was called to order by Chair Groves at 2:34 PM

1. Consideration of minutes for the 4/12/2013 GAC meeting. The Council approved the minutes via ten votes.
2. Dean's Report – K. Williams

Dean Williams reported that the Student Revolutionary Committee – a coalition of undergraduate and graduate students, along with some faculty – met with senior administrators to voice a wide range of concerns, including the choice of food service company on campus, lack of diversity among faculty, excessive policing of students, and inadequate pay for graduate and teaching assistants. Both the President and Provost, along with Dean Williams and others, were in attendance at a “town hall” forum to answer questions. Regarding graduate education, the chief concern expressed by the SRC was that stipends and adjunct pay do not support a living wage. Dean Williams addressed the group regarding assistantship stipends and benefits.

- 3 Chair's Report – T. Groves

The Academic Integrity Guidelines bill will be presented to the University Senate on Monday, May 13th.

4. Committee Reports

- CAAS- R. Yang, Chair

Another case needs to be reviewed. If the committee is not able to meet, the case will be reviewed in the Fall semester.

- CEPP – S. Commuri, Chair

Chair Commuri discussed the BA/MPA proposal from Rockefeller College. At the present there is no research included in the proposal. However, if it is included in the future, the Council should address that issue. The proposal questioned the quality of students from four-year institutions varying greatly. The report by CEPP was approved with ten votes by the Council.

- CC&I – P. Caban, Chair

The Committee discussed three proposals.

School of Public Health request to revise the Biomedical Sciences MS degree program

The School of Public Health's request for the Biomedical Sciences MS program is an adjustment to the required 22 course credits (18 specified and 4 elective). The end result would be 17 specified and 5 electives.

School of Public Health request to revise the Public Health DrPH degree program

Due to the Committee's desire for further discussion, this request was tabled for the Fall semester.

School of Education request to revise the Curriculum & Instruction PhD degree program

The Department of Educational Theory and Practice proposes to reduce the Curriculum and Instruction PhD program from 78 to 63 required credits due to the program being refocused towards research.

The Council unanimously passed the committee's report with ten votes.

5. Old Business

- Academic Integrity Guidelines

Richard Fogarty, Chair of the Undergraduate Academic Council, and Chair Groves together will present the bill to the Senate May 13th.

6. New Business

- Department of Public Admin. & Policy, Proposal for PhD PAD Curricular Change

Dr. Erika Martin presented the proposal to replace the Decision and Policy Sciences Field in the Public Administration and Policy PhD Program. Not only is the description no longer a good fit, PAD expects a proposal to replace the field with a Public Policy field. No major curriculum change is expected. Some faculty have retired, and discussions have started regarding changes to the field. Dr. Martin has

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spoken to several departments across the University in regards to the changes. She also had discussions with research centers regarding their students' participation. Dr. Martin spoke to Kara Pangburn, from Public Administration and Policy, to ensure credits lined up. For Fall recruitment, we need to ensure all is completed. Curriculum changes will not affect core courses. Course action forms were submitted and approved, and courses approved as well. Changes originated last summer, and other universities' programs were reviewed. For advertising purposes, the program was billed as "under construction". The changes proposed will bring the program to the main focus of Public Policy and is an economically-driven approach towards Public Policy. The Bulletin addresses the six concentrations and names them but does not show details of courses. However, the department does provide course details. It was noted that future curriculum changes would require GAC review and approval. Chair Groves proposed that the Curriculum and Instruction Committee review the proposal. Their report will be reviewed and, if accepted, approved via e-mail. This will be followed by an e-mail vote by GAC members.

Note: On May 16, 2013, GAC voted to approve the proposal from Rockefeller College by a vote of 10 yes, zero no votes, and no abstentions.

Future Meetings:

The Council's future meetings will be determined in the Fall.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Groves at 3:26 PM.

END OF GAC 5/9/2013 MINUTES
