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Minutes of the GAC meeting of 2/10/00
AD 253, 10:15AM

Members present: Wayne Logan, Sanford Levine, Maria Brown, Barbara Via, Jeryl Mumpower

Members absent: Donald Byrd, Gregory Harper, John Monfasani, Laterrian McBrewer, Steadmon Sampson, Erin O'Brien

Guest: Jon Bartow (staff to the Council)

In the absence of Professor Monfasani as chairperson, the Council convened itself as a body with a chair "in the whole."

1. Minutes from the GAC meeting of 12/9/99 were approved as presented (copied below).
2. Professor Jeryl Mumpower, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs introduced himself to the Council. He will serve as Provost Genshaft's designated ex-officio member of the GAC.
3. The report of the GAC Committee on Curriculum & Instruction (copied below) was presented by Chairperson Maria Brown. Each of the four action items were approved unanimously by the Council.
4. The report of the GAC Committee on Admissions & Academic Standing (copied below) was presented by Chairperson Barbara Via. Each of the two action items were approved unanimously by the Council.
5. Doctoral Residency Policies - Copies of proposed doctoral program residency policies were distributed and reviewed. Fifteen of the seventeen submitted were approved by the Council. Two were tabled for clarification of "full-time" terminology. The remaining 18 doctoral programs will be sent a follow-up solicitation.

Those approved were:

Humanistic Studies
Educational Administration
Biology
Biomedical Sciences
Biometry & Statistics
Counseling Psychology
Criminal Justice
Curriculum & Instruction
Economics
Educational Psychology
History
Philosophy
Political Science
Reading
School Psychology

Those tabled due to the use of "full-time" were:

Environmental Health & Toxicology

Public Health

6. The date for the next meeting of the GAC is changed from 3/9/00 to 3/16/00. The location and exact time will be forwarded once those details are set.

7. Adjournment

Minutes recorded and submitted by Jon Bartow, Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies.

Minutes of the Graduate Academic Council meeting of December 9, 1999 - AD 123, 12:30PM

Members present: Gregory Harper, Sanford Levine, John Monfasani (Chair), Barbara Via

Members absent: Carlos Santiago, Donald Byrd, Wayne Logan, Maria Brown, Laterrian McBrewer, Steadmon Sampson, Erin O'Brien

Guest: Jon Bartow (staff)

1. Draft minutes of the meeting of 11/18/99 were considered. One correction was submitted by Carlos Santiago - that the administrative title for Dr. Jeryl Mumpower should be corrected to read Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. There being no other corrections, the Council acted to approve the minutes as amended.

2. Report of the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction: The written report (dated 12/5/99) was considered by the Council. The five recommendations submitted in the report were accepted and unanimously approved by the Council.

3. The Council discussed the pending deadline (12/15/99) for doctoral programs to submit new residency policies/procedures for GAC review and approval. It was concluded that the Graduate Office should e-mail dunning notices, as warranted, over the intersession and that proposals would be taken up by the Council at the first meeting of the Spring 2000 term.

4. Adjournment

Minutes recorded and submitted by Jon Bartow, Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies.

To: Graduate Academic Council

From: Maria Brown, Chair
GAC Committee on Curriculum & Instruction

Date: February 8, 2000

Subj.: Report and Recommendations

The Committee on Curriculum & Instruction met on February 3, 2000. Members attending the meeting were Maria Brown, Diane Dewar, Greg Harper, Cliff Ellis, Kevin Quinn and Karin Reinhold. Jon Bartow was present as staff to the Committee. Laterrian McBrewer was unable to attend.

The Committee reviewed six proposals, tabled two (from the Department of Biometry & Statistics and from the Department of Communication) and acted to unanimously recommend approval by the GAC for the remaining four. A brief synopsis for each appears below.

1. Change to the Master of Library Science (M.L.S.) Program: The curriculum is proposed for revision and expansion from a total of 36 credits to 42 credits. In its new format, the MLS will be very similar to the Library & Info Services track of the revised M.S. in Information Science program as approved by the Council in the Spring 1999 term. It is the intent of the School of Information Science and Policy to have both programs reviewed by the American Library Association for accreditation purposes later this year.
2. Change to the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) Program: A new MACRO (Management Efficiency, Advocacy and Empowerment, Community Organization, Resource Development and Outcome Evaluation) Concentration is proposed to replace the existing Management Concentration in the MSW Program. The change follows upon an environmental assessment conducted by a task force from the School of Social Welfare. The change significantly updates one option for students in the second year of the Program. There is no overall change in credits required for the MSW. Corresponding changes to MSW/PhD program and MA/MSW program with New Paltz are illustrated within the proposal.
3. Change to the M.S. Program in Taxation: The proposal is submitted following upon changing Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensure requirements from the NYS Education Dept. Certain courses, now to be deleted and/or replaced, were previously within the Program to solely satisfy CPA work experience licensure requirements. With the removal or replacement of these courses, the program is reduced from 39 to 30 credits, increasing its desirability to applicants while actually increasing its concentration in the study of taxation.
4. Change to the M.S. Program in Educational Psychology: The proposal for curriculum revision within the 30-credit program redefines requirements from a credit distribution approach to one incorporating a "foundational core." The changes are additionally consistent with previously approved revisions to the first year requirements of the PhD Program.

To: Graduate Academic Council

From: Barbara Via, Chair
GAC Committee on Admissions & Academic Standing (CAAS)

Date: February 9, 2000

Subj.: Report and Recommendations

The CAAS met on February 9, 2000. Attending were members Wayne Logan, Erin O'Brien, Anne Boehm and Barbara Via. Jon Bartow joined the meeting as staff. The Committee considered three student-originated petitions for exception to University graduate policies. One petition was tabled in order to allow for further investigation. The remaining two are unanimously recommended to the Graduate Academic Council for action. A brief synopsis for each case appears below.

1. A student seeks exception to University policy regarding eligibility for admission to combined bachelors/masters programs.

The petitioner seeks exemption from the stated minimum 3.20 GPA requirement for admission to a combined BS/MS program. Included with the petition were letters of support from two departmental faculty members, one being the department chairperson. After four semesters of undergraduate study at UAlbany, the student has earned 41 credits with an overall GPA of 2.48 and a GPA of 2.23 in coursework offered by the graduate department. The Committee recognizes the combined program as one designed for especially strong students who are prepared for accelerated entry into graduate study. They do not feel the petitioner has demonstrated such capacity and recommend that the GAC deny the petition for exception to the established admission standard.

2. A student seeks approval for extension of the masters degree statute of limitations to incorporate study toward a MRP degree from Spring 1988 through Fall 2000. The petitioner submits that she remains current with coursework completed years ago through occupational activities. The chairperson of the department strongly supports both her overall petition and the argument presented regarding her current knowledge in the field. The Committee recommends the Council approve the extension.