University Graduate Council Minutes

February 10, 2015

Members present:

Doug Boudinot, chair
Adnrew Bennett
Melanie Buffington
Teri Dunnivant
Brendan Dwyer
Herschell Emery
Sheryl Finucane

Richard Huff
Christopher Lemmon
Oonagh Loughran
Mark Schaefermeyer
Patricia Slattum
Angela Starkweather

Guests: Henry Clark and Teraya Donaldson

I. UGC minutes from December 2014 meeting were approved electronically.

II. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards
   No report.

B. Committee on Internal Review
   No report.

C. Committee on Policies and Procedures
   Dr. Sherry Sandkam reported by e-mail that the policies and procedures committee met and will be
   coordinating an open forum-type meeting to discuss the review of the thesis/dissertation policy and
   guidelines tabled last year (including the embargo issue).

D. Committee on Programs and Courses
   Dr. Mark Schaefermeyer presented the following report.

   New courses
   College of Humanities & Sciences
   (PC 2015-0127-02; effective fall 2015) – STAT 641 Applied Data Analysis
   School of Medicine
   (PC 2015-0127-09; effective fall 2015) – EPID 649 Analysis of Health Datasets

   Course revision
   College of Humanities & Sciences
   (PC 2015-0127-11; effective fall 2015) – STAT 503 Applications of Stochastic Processes
     Change course number to: 403
     Course description change
     UUCC approved in December.
   (PC 2015-0127-12; effective fall 2015) – STAT/BIOS 523 Nonparametric Statistical Methods
     Change course number to: 621
   (PC 2015-0127-13; effective fall 2015) – STAT 541 Applied Statistics for Engineers and Scientists
     Change course number to: 441
Course description change
UUCC approved in December.
(PC 2015-0127-14; effective fall 2015) – STAT/BIOS 543 Statistical Methods I
Course description change

Bulletin Changes Approval by the Graduate School
School of Education
Update student teaching requirements.

III. Action Items
Temporary suspension of admissions - APPROVED
School of the Arts
(PC 2014-1209-33; effective fall 2015) – M.A. Art History, Architectural History concentration

Reactivate admissions - APPROVED
Office of Research
(PC 2015-0127-01; effective fall 2015) – M.S. Clinical and Translational Sciences

Curriculum revision - APPROVED
School of Allied Health Professions
(PC 2014-1209-43; effective fall 2015) – Ph.D. Health Services Organization and Research
   Add HADM 711 and 713 into the curriculum
(PC 2014-1209-44; effective fall 2015) – HADM 711 Introduction to Health Services Organization Research I – new course
(PC 2014-1209-45; effective fall 2015) – HADM 713 Introduction to Health Services Organization Research II – new course

New concentration - APPROVED
School of Education
Ph.D. in Education, Art Education concentration (PC 2014-0422-02; effective fall 2015)
(PC 2015-0127-03; effective fall 2015) – ARTE 701 Issues in Art Education
(PC 2015-0127-04; effective fall 2015) – ARTE 702 History in Art Education
(PC 2015-0127-05; effective fall 2015) – ARTE 703 Contemporary Philosophies and Art Education
(PC 2015-0127-06; effective fall 2015) – ARTE 704 Advanced Research in Art Education
(PC 2015-0127-07; effective fall 2015) – ARTE 780 Cultural Diversity in Art and Society
(PC 2015-0127-08; effective fall 2015) – ARTE 800 Advanced Seminar in Art Education

Other - APPROVED
Graduate School
(PC 2015-0127-10; effective spring 2015) – Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training (BEST) Certificate of Achievement

IV. Old Business
No report.

V. New Business
No report.

VI. Chair’s Report
The assistantship deadline for incoming students is quickly approaching. Past years admissions cycles have shown that earlier deadlines for assistantship offers yield a higher yield of enrolled students. Nationally, as well as at VCU, there appears to be a decline in graduate applications, particularly at the master’s level likely due to the recovering economy. UGC members were encouraged to make acceptances quickly.
Adjourned: 3:20 p.m.