University Graduate Council Minutes

April 14, 2015

Members present:

Doug Boudinot, chair Blythe Proulx
Teri Dunnivant Mark Schaefermeyer
Sheryl Finucane Patricia Slattum
Oonagh Loughran Angela Starkweather
Alison Montpetit Paul Thulin

Guests: Lisa Anderson, Henry Clark, Stephen Custer, Allison Johnson and Jana McQuaid

I. UGC minutes from February 2015 meeting were approved electronically.

II. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards
Dr. Mark Schaefermeyer reported that the committee has not had any appeals and will discuss standardized test scores under “Action Items.”

B. Committee on Internal Review
No report.

C. Committee on Policies and Procedures
No report.

D. Committee on Programs and Courses
Dr. Angela Starkweather presented the following Programs & Courses report.

New courses

College of Humanities & Sciences
(PC 2015-0324-69; effective spring 2016) – SYSM 780 Stochastic Methods in Mathematical Biology

Division of Community Engagement
(PC 2015-0224-04; effective summer 2015) – CMST 691 Special Topics in Community Studies
(PC 2015-0224-05; effective summer 2015) – CMST 692 Independent Study in Community Studies

School of Business
(PC 2015-0224-03; effective fall 2015) – DAPT 614 Advanced SQL

School of Dentistry
(PC 2015-0324-84; effective fall 2015) – DENS 503 Introduction to Behavioral Sciences in Dentistry
(PC 2015-0324-85; effective spring 2016) – DENS 513 Foundations of Effective Interpersonal Skills During Patient Interactions I
(PC 2015-0324-86; effective fall 2015) – DENS 603 Foundations of Effective Interpersonal Skills During Patient Interactions II
(PC 2015-0324-87; effective fall 2015) – DENS 703 Advanced Interpersonal Communications Part I
(PC 2015-0324-88; effective fall 2015) – DENS 713 Advanced Interpersonal Communications Part II
(PC 2015-0324-79; effective fall 2015) – GENP 700 Selective in Aesthetic Dentistry
(PC 2015-0324-82; effective fall 2015) – PEDD 701 Selective in Special Care Dentistry

School of Education
(PC 2015-0224-02; effective summer 2015) – TEDU 661 Current Topics in Virtual Teaching
Temporary suspension of admissions
VCU Life Sciences
(PC 2015-0324-01; effective fall 2015) – Master of Bioinformatics

Updating course rubric/numbers and bulletin copy update
School of Engineering
(PC 2015-0224-23; effective fall 2015) – M.S. in Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering
(PC 2015-0224-24; effective fall 2015) – Ph.D. in Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering
(PC 2015-0224-26; effective fall 2015) – EGMN 571 Introduction to Computational Fluid Dynamics – new course
(PC 2015-0224-27; effective fall 2015) – EGMN 591 Special Topics in Engineering – new course
(PC 2015-0224-31; effective fall 2015) – EGMN 630 Advanced Biofluid Mechanics – new course
(PC 2015-0224-29; effective fall 2015) – EGMN 655 Nuclear Power Plants – new course
(PC 2015-0224-30; effective fall 2015) – EGMN 664 Advanced Fluid Mechanics – new course
(PC 2015-0224-32; effective fall 2015) – EGMN 691 Special Topics in Engineering – new course
(PC 2015-0224-33; effective fall 2015) – EGMN 692 Independent Study – new course
(PC 2015-0224-34; effective fall 2015) – EGRM 510 Solid Mechanics and Materials Behavior – course deletion
(PC 2015-0224-35; effective fall 2015) – EGRM 512 Engineering Mathematics – course deletion
(PC 2015-0224-36; effective fall 2015) – EGRM 535 Polymeric Materials – course deletion
(PC 2015-0224-37; effective fall 2015) – EGRM 561 Advanced Fluid Mechanics – course deletion
(PC 2015-0224-38; effective fall 2015) – EGRM 690 Mechanical Engineering Seminar – course deletion
(PC 2015-0224-39; effective fall 2015) – EGRM 697 Directed Research in Mechanical Engineering – course deletion

Revised curriculum
School of Dentistry
(PC 2015-0224-06; effective fall 2015) – Ph.D. in Oral Health Research
Change to accommodate students who have already completed an M.S. degree
(Bulletin copy for Ph.D in Oral Health Research)
(PC 2015-0224-07; effective fall 2015) – Ph.D. in Oral Health Research
(Bulletin copy for M.S. in Oral Health Research)

School of Pharmacy
(PC 2015-0224-09; effective fall 2015) – Pharm. D. program

Course deletions
School of Business
(PC 2015-0324-67; effective fall 2015) – SCMA 652 Advanced Business Communication
(PC 2015-0324-68; effective fall 2015) – SCMA 674 Cases in Management Science

School of Dentistry
(PC 2015-0324-79; effective fall 2015) – DENS 640 Practice Management II

School of Nursing
(PC 2015-0324-54; effective summer 2015) – NURS 510 Nursing Ethics
(PC 2015-0324-55; effective summer 2015) – NURS 622 Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practicum I
(PC 2015-0324-56; effective summer 2015) – NURS 623 Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practicum I
(PC 2015-0324-57; effective summer 2015) – NURS 632 Health Promotion in Women
(PC 2015-0324-58; effective summer 2015) – NURS 634 Advanced Practice: The Childbearing Woman
(PC 2015-0324-59; effective summer 2015) – NURS 647 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Children
(PC 2015-0324-60; effective summer 2015) – NURS 648 Management of Acute Problems of Children and Adolescents
(PC 2015-0324-61; effective summer 2015) – NURS 649 Children with Special Health Care Needs
(PC 2015-0324-63; effective summer 2015) – NURS 672 Child Practicum I
(PC 2015-0324-64; effective summer 2015) – NURS 673 Child Practicum II
(PC 2015-0324-65; effective summer 2015) – NURS 686 Spheres of Influence in CNS Practice

**School of Pharmacy**
(PC 2015-0224-10; effective fall 2015) – PHAR 543 Scholarship I

**Change prerequisite**

**School of Nursing**
(PC 2015-0324-62; effective fall 2015) – NURS 657 Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing: Theory and Practice Across the Lifespan
Change prerequisite to: NURS 504

**Multiple course changes**

**College of Humanities & Sciences**
(PC 2015-0224-18; effective fall 2015) – BIOL 550 Ecological Genetics
Change contact hours from 2 lecture + 2 lab to 3 lecture
Prerequisite change to: no prerequisites

(PC 2015-0224-19; effective fall 2015) – BIOL 610 Conservation Applications
Change contact hours from 2 lecture + 1 lab to 3 lecture
Prerequisite change to: no prerequisites

(PC 2015-0224-20; effective fall 2015) – BIOL 650 Conservation Genetics
Change contact hours from 2 lecture + 1 lab to 3 lecture
Prerequisite change to: no prerequisites

(PC 2015-0324-73; effective summer 2015) – SOCY 601 Methods of Sociological Research
Change title to: Sociological Research Methods
Course description change

(PC 2015-0324-74; effective fall 2015) – SOCY 602 Applications of Methods of Sociological Research
Change title to: Applications of Sociological Research Methods
Course description change
Change prerequisite to: SOCY/STAT 508 or equivalent.

**School of Dentistry**
(PC 2015-0324-83; effective fall 2015) – PEDD 739 Clinical Pediatric Dentistry III
Change from 2 credit hours to 1 credit hour.
Change from 72 clinical hours to 48 clinical hours.

**School of Pharmacy**
(PC 2015-0224-11; effective fall 2015) – PHAR 550 Scholarship II
Change title to: Pharmacy Practice Research
Course description change
Change from 2 lecture for 2 credits to 3 lecture for 3 credits

(PC 2015-0224-12; effective fall 2015) – PHAR 607 Dermatology/EENT
Change title to: Clinical Therapeutics Module: Dermatology/EENT and Joint
Course description change
Change from 1.5 credits to 2 lecture for 2 credits

(PC 2015-0224-13; effective fall 2015) – PHAR 619 Clinical Therapeutics Module: Women’s Health/Bone and Joint
Change title to: Clinical Therapeutics Module: Women’s Health/Bone
Course description change
Change from 2.5 credits to 2 lecture for 2 credits

(PC 2015-0224-14; effective spring 2016) – PHAR 620 Clinical Therapeutics Module: Critical Care/Toxicology
Change title to: Clinical Therapeutics Module: Critical Care/Toxicology and Complex Patients
Course description change
Change from 1.5 credits to 2.5 lecture for 2.5 credits

Revised bulletin copy

College of Humanities & Sciences
(PC 2015-0324-28; effective fall 2015) – M.S. Biology revised curriculum
(PC 2015-0324-29; effective fall 2015) – M.S. Biology
Update program goals and student learning outcomes.
(PC 2015-0324-30; effective fall 2015) – BIOL 606 Quantitative Ecology
Change prerequisites to: removal of prerequisite

School of Business
(PC 2015-0324-37; effective fall 2015) – M.B.A.
Change in foundation courses and required courses.
(PC 2015-0324-38; effective fall 2015) – M.B.A., Entrepreneurship and Innovation concentration
Change in foundation courses and required courses.
(PC 2015-0324-39; effective fall 2015) – M.B.A., Real Estate concentration
Change in foundation courses and required courses.
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(PC 2015-0324-41; effective fall 2015) – M.B.A, Supply Chain Management concentration
Change in foundation courses and required courses.
(PC 2015-0324-42; effective fall 2015) – M.B.A., Health Care Management concentration
Change in foundation courses and required courses.
(PC 2015-0324-43; effective fall 2015) – M.B.A., Business Analytics concentration
Change in foundation courses and required courses.
(PC 2015-0324-44; effective fall 2015) – M.B.A., Global Business concentration
Change in foundation courses and required courses.
(PC 2015-0324-45; effective fall 2015) – M.B.A., Investments concentration
Change in foundation courses and required courses.
(PC 2015-0324-46; effective fall 2015) – M.B.A., Corporate Finance concentration
Change in foundation courses and required courses.

School of Nursing
(PC 2015-0324-47; effective fall 2015) – M.S. in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner concentration
update due to course title changes
(PC 2015-0324-48; effective fall 2015) – Post-master’s certificate in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner concentration
update due to course title changes
(PC 2015-0324-49; effective fall 2015) – NURS 629 Common Health Problems in Primary Care Across the Lifespan I
change title to: Diagnosis and Management in Family Primary Care I
(PC 2015-0324-50; effective fall 2015) – NURS 630 Common Health Problems in Primary Care Across the Lifespan II
change title to: Diagnosis and Management in Family Primary Care II
(PC 2015-0324-51; effective fall 2015) – M.S. in Nursing, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration
update due to course title change
(PC 2015-0324-52; effective fall 2015) – Post-master’s certificate in Nursing, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner concentration
update due to course title change
(PC 2015-0324-53; effective fall 2015) – NURS 656 Diagnosis and Psychopharmacologic Treatment of Psychiatric Disorders Across the Life Span
Change title to: Diagnosis and Management of Psychiatric Disorders Across the Life Span

Course description change

College of Humanities & Sciences
(PC 2015-0324-72; effective summer 2015) – SOCY/STAT 508 Introduction to Social Statistics
Prerequisite change
College of Humanities and Sciences
(PC 2015-0224-16; effective fall 2015) – BIOL 510 Conservation Biology
Prerequisite change to: no prerequisites

Credit hour change
School of Pharmacy
(PC 2015-0224-17; effective fall 2015) – MEDC 601 Advanced Medicinal Chemistry 1
Change credit hours 1 lecture for 1 credit to 2 lecture for 2 credits

Other
School of Allied Health Professions
(PC 2015-0224-21; effective summer 2015) – OCCT 589 Advanced Functional Anatomy
This course was originally approved to be effective summer 2016. The department would like to change that to summer 2015.

School of Business
(PC 2015-0224-22; effective summer 2015) – BRND 623 Physical Computing 1
This course was originally approved to be effective spring 2016. The department would like to change that to fall 2015.

Bulletin Changes Approval by the Graduate School
School of Education
Master of Teaching, update degree requirements to show students must complete undergrad courses before student teaching.
College of Humanities & Sciences
M.S. Biology, update program director contact information.
Office of Research
Clinical and Translational Sciences, update contact information.
School of Allied Health Professions
Nurse Anesthesia, update minimum admission requirements for the program.
School of Engineering
(PC 2015-0324-75; effective fall 2015) Temporary suspension of admissions: PHD-EGR
(PC 2015-0324-76; effective fall 2015) Temporary suspension of admissions: MS-EGR
(PC 2015-0324-77; effective fall 2015) Permanent suspension of admissions: PHD-EGR-E4 (Mechanical Engineering concentration)

III. Action Items
New concentration
School of Business
School of Education
(PC 2015-0224-01; effective fall 2015) – M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction, online teaching concentration – APPROVED

Permanent suspension of admissions
School of Business
(PC 2015-0324-100; effective spring 2016) – M.S. Business, Decision Analytics Professional concentration – APPROVED
(PC 2015-0324-101; effective spring 2016) – M.S. Business, Decision Analytics concentration - APPROVED

New spin-off programs
School of Business
(PC 2015-0324-102; effective fall 2015) – Master of Decision Analytics (M.D.A.), Professional - APPROVED
Concentration
(PC 2015-0324-78; effective fall 2015) – Master of Decision Analytics (M.D.A.) - APPROVED
Degree credit hour change

School of Business
(PC 2015-0324-02; effective fall 2015) – M.A. in Economics, Health Economics concentration - APPROVED
Change from 33 credits to a minimum of 30 credits
Remove the thesis option.
Change from 33 credits to a minimum of 30 credits
Remove the thesis option.

School of Medicine
(PC 2015-0324-04; effective fall 2015) – MD/MPH dual degree - APPROVED
Change from a minimum of 33 credits to a minimum of 36 credits

School of Social Work
(PC 2015-0324-05; effective fall 2015) – MSW/MPH dual degree - APPROVED
Change from a minimum of 33 credits to a minimum of 36 credits

Other
VCU Life Sciences
(PC 2015-0324-70; effective fall 2015) – M.S. in Bioinformatics - APPROVED
Add a non-thesis option.
(PC 2015-0324-100; effective fall 2015) – B.S. to M.S. in Bioinformatics - APPROVED
Add a non-thesis option.

School of Business
(PC 2015-0324-71; effective fall 2015) – M.A. in Economics, no concentration - APPROVED
Remove the thesis option.

P&C recommends that the following items be sent to UGC as “Action Items:” new programs, new concentrations, credit hour changes to programs, permanent suspension of admissions and other items as recommended. The committee also recommends that “Action Items” be moved to the top of the UGC agenda. **UGC discussed and approved making these changes to the agenda.**

P&C recommends the following statement for inactive courses be endorsed.

Inactive course
An inactive course is defined as one that has not been offered by the primary owner for a period of six years. Inactive course numbers may be reused toward degree requirements. The primary owner is determined to be the department or program that received approval for its four-letter course rubric.

The period of six years is determined by either the time frame during which the course was not offered in the Schedule of Classes or the duration from the time it was formally closed in the courses database. The reuse of a course number is initiated through the submission of a New Course proposal and is accompanied with all proper documentation necessary for a new course. **UGC discussed and will vote on this action item at the May meeting.**

The Admissions and Academic Standards Committee recommends that the Graduate School policy on required admission tests be eliminated. Programs would still have the option to require test scores. **UGC discussed and will vote on this action item at the May meeting.**

IV. Old Business
No report.

V. New Business
No report.
VI. Chair’s Report

No report.

Adjourned: 3:30 p.m.