University Graduate Council Minutes

December 17, 2013
Cabell Library, room 448

Members present:
Douglas Boudinot, chair
Melanie Buffington
Laurie Carter
Herschell Emery
Rosemary Farmer
Sheryl Finucane
Oonagh Loughran
Donna McClish

Clint McCown
Jason Merrick
Karla Mossi
Blythe Proulx
Mark Schaefermeyer
Anthony Starke
Angela Starkweather
Leslie Stratton

Guests: Drs. Sally Hunnicutt and Jana McQuaid

I. Committee Reports
A. Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards
Dr. Laurie Carter reported that the Committee heard an appeal of termination last week.

B. Committee on Internal Review
The Internal Review Committee met on November 21, 2013. Three issues for inclusion in the VCU Graduate School Bylaws were discussed: 1) Who is eligible to teach a graduate class at VCU? 2) How are students ensured adequate mentoring, resources, and guidance if their academic advisor/dissertation chair leaves the university? and 3) Should the term 'Graduate Faculty' include 'Affiliate Graduate Faculty' in Article II.5? Upon careful consideration of the issues and the VCU Graduate School Bylaws, the committee recommends no revisions to the bylaws for issues 1 and 2. The committee agreed that the term 'Graduate Faculty should include 'Affiliate Graduate Faculty' in Article II.5. Upon careful review of the VCU Graduate School Bylaws, the committee recommends no revisions to the bylaws for either issue. An e-mail asking for re-affirmation of the Graduate School Bylaws will be sent out to all graduate faculty next semester.

C. Committee on Policies and Procedures
Dr. Rosemary Farmer reported that the Committee met last week. They are reviewing: ETD embargos and parental leave policy for graduate assistants.

D. Committee on Programs and Courses
New course
School of Business
ACCT 795 Auditing Seminar (PC 2013-1210-09; effective fall 2014)
School of Dentistry
PROS 628 Clinical Principles of Implantology Lab (PC 2013-1126-15; effective spring 2014)
School of Nursing
NURS 594 Directed Study: Nursing Clinical Practicum (PC 2013-1126-16; effective spring 2014)
School of Social Work
SLWK 741 Social Work Practice and the Neurosciences (PC 2013-1210-10; effective spring 2014)
Credit hour changes

School of Dentistry
PEDD 680 Pediatric Dental Clinic (PC 2013-1126-17; effective spring 2014)
  Change to variable credits 1-4 credits
PERI 680 Clinical Periodontics (PC 2013-1126-18; effective spring 2014)
  Change to variable credits 1-5 credits
GENP 580 AEGD Clinic (PC 2013-1126-19; effective spring 2014)
  Change to variable credits 1-6 credits
ENDO 680 Clinical Endodontics (PC 2013-1126-20; effective spring 2014)
  Change to variable credits 1-6 credits
ORTH 680 Orthodontic Clinic (PC 2013-1126-21; effective spring 2014)
  Change to variable credits 1-6.5 credits

School of Medicine
PHIS 604 Cell Physiology: From Molecules to Organisms (PC 2013-1126-22; effective fall 2014)
  Change from 4 to 3 credits

School of Pharmacy
PCEU 508 Pharmacokinetics (PC 2013-1126-23; effective spring 2014)
  Change to variable credits 2.5 to 3 credits

Grading change
da Vinci Center
INNO 651 Master’s Project in Product Innovation I (PC 2013-1126-24; effective spring 2014)
  Change from A/B/C/D/F to S/U/F
INNO 652 Master’s Project in Product Innovation II (PC 2013-1126-25; effective spring 2014)
  Change from A/B/C/D/F to S/U/F

Description change
School of the Arts
IDES 692 Independent Study in Interior Environments (PC 2013-1126-26; effective spring 2014)

Prerequisite change
School of Engineering
  Change the prerequisite from ENGR 334 to EGRE 334

Curriculum update
School of Engineering
Ph.D. Engineering, Computer Science concentration- Update curriculum since the deletion of CMSC 519
  (PC 2013-1210-11; effective fall 2014)
M.S. Computer Science - Update curriculum since the deletion of CMSC 519 (PC 2013-1210-12; effective spring 2014)

Program revision
School of Business
Removal of ACCT 513 as a prerequisite to the Master of Accountancy program (PC 2013-1126-04; effective spring 2014)

Non-curricular updates
College of Humanities & Sciences – update program contact information for Mathematics & Applied Mathematics and Statistical Sciences & Operations
College of Humanities & Sciences – update program contact information for Ph.D., Systems Modeling and Analysis
Graduate School – update contact information
School of Allied Health Professions – update program contact information for Physical Therapy
School of Allied Health Professionals – update bulletin copy on certification
School of Education – update semester of entry and deadline dates for M.Ed. in Special Education
School of Education – update deadline information for the M.Ed. in Counselor Education
School of Education – update deadline information for the M.Ed. in Special Education
School of Education – update program contact information for Sport Leadership
School of Medicine – update student advisory committee for Medicine
School of Medicine – include information on the individual development plan for Medicine
School of Medicine – remove track information for the M.P.H. program
Wilder School – update program information for Certificate in Public Management

II. Action Items
   Temporary suspension of admissions
   Reviewers: Full committee
   School of Business
   M.S. Business, Human Resources Management concentration (PC 2013-1210-01; effective spring 2014) – APPROVED

   Concentration closures
   Reviewers: Full committee
   School of the Arts
   M.A. Art History, general track (PC 2013-1210-02; effective spring 2014) - APPROVED
   M.A. Art History, Curatorial concentration (PC 2013-1210-03; effective spring 2014) - APPROVED
   M.F.A. Theatre, Acting concentration (PC 2013-1210-04; effective spring 2014) - APPROVED
   M.F.A. Theatre, Directing concentration (PC 2013-1210-05; effective spring 2014) - APPROVED
   M.M. Music, Music Composition concentration (PC 2013-1210-07; effective spring 2014) - APPROVED
   M.M. Music, Performance concentration (PC 2013-1210-08; effective spring 2014) - APPROVED

   Program revision
   College of Humanities & Sciences
   Ph.D., Chemistry – updated curriculum (PC 2013-1126-28; effective spring 2014) - APPROVED

III. Old Business
   No old business.

IV. New Business
   No new business.

V. Chair’s Report
   No report.

Adjourned at 3:15 p.m.