University Graduate Council Minutes

May 13, 2014
Sanger Hall, room 1-038

Members present:
  Douglas Boudinot, chair  Ann Nichols-Casebolt
  Sheryl Finucane  Mark Schaefermeyer
  David Holdford  Laura Sim-Selley
  Donna McClish  Leslie Stratton
  Clint McCown  Sharon Zumbrunn
  Alison Montpetit

Guests: Drs. Jan Chlebowski, Henry Clark, Greg Donovan, Ron Evans, Ann Hamric and Rita Shiang

I. Committee Reports
   A. Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards
      No report. The Dean did hear two appeals of termination.
   B. Committee on Internal Review
      No report.
   C. Committee on Policies and Procedures
      No report.
   D. Committee on Programs and Courses
      Dr. Mark Schaefermeyer presented the following report.

New course
Graduate School
GRAD 614 Introduction to Grant Writing – new course (PC 2014-0422-50; effective fall 2014)
GRAD 615 Careers in Biomedical Sciences Seminar Series (PC 2014-0422-22; effective fall 2014)
GRAD 616 Becoming an Entrepreneur – new course (PC 2014-0422-51; effective fall 2014)

School of Dentistry
ORTH 700 Senior Selective in Orthodontics (PC 2014-0422-23; effective fall 2014)

School of Medicine
HCPR 730 Survey Research Methods and Analysis for Health Policy (PC 2014-0422-24; effective fall 2014)
Ph.D. in Healthcare Policy and Research - revised bulletin copy to show HCPR 730 in the curriculum
(  PC 2014-0422-25; effective fall 2014)
HGEN 510 Classic Papers in Human Genetics (PC 2014-0422-26; effective fall 2014)
MEDP 637 Physics of Nuclear Medicine (PC 2014-0422-27; effective fall 2014)
NEUS 640 Neurobiology of CNS Disease (PC 2014-0422-28; effective fall 2014)

School of Nursing
NURS 605 Statistical Methods for Quality Improvement (PC 2014-0422-29; effective fall 2015)
NURS 606 Evaluating Evidence to Improve Health Outcomes (PC 2014-0422-30; effective fall 2015)
NURS 607 Epidemiology and Population Health (PC 2014-0422-31; effective fall 2015)
NURS 608 Quality Improvement in Practice (PC 2014-0422-32; effective fall 2015)
Multiple changes
School of Medicine
MEDP 563 Introduction to Radiological Physics and Dosimetry (PC 2014-0422-35; effective fall 2014)
   Change to 4 credit hours….3 lecture and 1 lab
   Description change
MEDP 635 Physics of Nuclear Medicine, Radiography and CT (PC 2014-0422-36; effective fall 2014)
   Change title to: Physics of CT
   Change to 2 credit hours….2 lecture and 1 lab
   Description change

Course deletion
School of Business
ACCT 798 Dissertation Research in Accounting (PC 2014-0422-33; effective fall 2014)
Description change
School of Social Work
SLWK 703 Mental, Emotional and Behavioral Disorders (PC 2014-0422-34; effective fall 2014)

Bulletin revision to update course title change
School of Medicine
MPH/MSW dual degree (PC 2014-0422-37; effective fall 2014)
   Update course EPID 694 to MPH Capstone Project
MPH/PharmD dual degree (PC 2014-0422-38; effective fall 2014)
   Update course EPID 694 to MPH Capstone Project
MPH/MD dual degree (PC 2014-0422-39; effective fall 2014)
   Update course EPID 694 to MPH Capstone Project

Bulletin revision for multiple course changes
School of the Arts
M.F.A. in Design, Interior Environments/Professional Entry level concentration - revised bulletin copy to
   reflect the following course changes (PC 2014-0422-40; effective fall 2014)
IDES 501 Introductory Graduate Design Studio I & II (PC 2014-0422-41; effective fall 2014)
   Description change
IDES 502 Introductory Graduate Design Studio I & II (PC 2014-0422-42; effective fall 2014)
   Description change
IDES 531 Principles and Practices of Interior Environments (PC 2014-0422-43; effective fall 2014) –
   course deletion
IDES 693 Interior Design Internship (PC 2014-0422-44; effective fall 2014)
   Change grading to P/F

Bulletin Changes Approval by the Graduate School
College of Humanities & Sciences – M.S. Sociology, update degree requirements and thesis option wording
College of Humanities & Sciences – Ph.D. Health Psychology, update a new course into the curriculum
School of Medicine – Ph.D. Healthcare Policy and Research, update graduate program director information

II. Action Items
Presented to the Council in April were updates from the Policies and Procedures committee. The Council
motioned, and approved, to leave the policy on 500-level courses as it currently stands. Council approved
this motion. All other recommendations were tabled.

Notice of closure
School of Education - APPROVED
Ph.D. in Education, Adult Education concentration (PC 2014-0422-01; effective spring 2014)
Concentration name change
School of Medicine - APPROVED
Ph.D. Human Genetics, Genetic Epidemiology concentration (PC 2014-0422-03; effective fall 2014)
  Change concentration name to: Quantitative Human Genetics

Curriculum revision
College of Humanities and Sciences - APPROVED
M.S. Mathematics, Applied Mathematics and Mathematics concentrations (PC 2014-0422-05; effective fall 2014)
  Ph.D. Rehabilitation and Movement Science, Exercise Physiology and Neuromusculoskeletal Dynamics
  concentration (PC 2014-0422-06; effective fall 2014)
School of Education - APPROVED
M.Ed. Special Education, Early Childhood concentration (PC 2014-0422-07; effective fall 2014)
  Change to a hybrid program
  ECSE 500 Language/Communication Intervention for Young Children and Individuals with Special
  Needs (PC 2014-0422-08; effective fall 2014)
  Description change
  ECSE 541 Infants and Young Children with Special Needs (PC 2014-0422-09; effective fall 2014)
  Description change
  Change title to: Educational Foundations for Collaboration and Universally Designed Learning
  ECSE 602 Instructional Programming for Infants and Young Children with Disabilities (PC 2014-0422-10;
  effective fall 2014)
  Description change
  ECSE 603 Integrated Early Childhood Programs (PC 2014-0422-11; effective fall 2014)
  Description change
  ECSE 641 Interdisciplinary Methods in Early Intervention (PC 2014-0422-12; effective fall 2014)
  Description change
School of Medicine - APPROVED
M.S. Anatomy and Neurobiology, Molecular Biology and Genetics concentration (PC 2014-0422-15;
  effective fall 2014)
School of Nursing - APPROVED
M.S. Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner concentration (PC 2014-0422-16; effective fall 2014)
  Post-master’s Certificate Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner concentration (PC 2014-0422-17;
  effective fall 2014)
NURS 511 Health Assessment for Advanced Nursing Practice (PC 2014-0422-18; effective fall 2014)
  Change from 30 lecture hours to 45 lab hours
NURS 635 Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practicum I – new course (PC 2014-0422-19;
  effective fall 2014)
NURS 636 Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Seminar – new course (PC 2014-0422-20;
  effective fall 2014)
NURS 637 Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practicum II – new course (PC 2014-0422-21;
  effective fall 2014)

III. Old Business
  No old business.

IV. New Business
  No new business.

V. Chair’s Report
  Dr. Boudinot noted that there were 96 doctoral candidates hooded at the May 10th commencement ceremony
  at the Coliseum. VCU should meet its target of graduating over 300 doctoral students this academic year.
Regarding graduate admissions; doctoral acceptances are on target and while masters accepts are just under target there are several programs in the process of admitting students.

The Graduate School’s proposal to lower tuition when students meet candidacy is currently with the University Budget’s office. Funding and implementation of the proposal is dependent on the state.

Thank you to the following Council members whose terms are ending this month: Barry Bell, Laurie Carter, Gurpreet Dhillon, Rosemary Farmer, David Holdford, Voji Kecman, Donna McClish, Ann Nichols-Casebolt, Angela Starkweather and Sharon Zumbrunn.

Adjourned at 3:45 p.m.