

WVU Graduate Council Meeting
Thursday, May 11, 2006 (3:00 – 5:00)
Andrews Conference Room – Engineering Sciences Building

Name	Unit	Members Participating
Dailey, Robert	Ag, Forestry, & CS – Animal Science	X
Bryan, William	Ag, Forestry, & CS - Plant & Soil Science	
Zdatny, Steve	A&S – History	X
Plein, Christopher	A&S - Public Admin.	X
Flores, Jorge	A&S – Biology	X
Warner, Timothy	A&S – Geology & Geography	X
Balvers, Ronald	B&E – Economics & Finance	X
Milian, Linda	CCA – Theater	X
Callery, Patrick	Pharmacy	X
Berrebi, Albert	HSC/Otolaryngology	
Aminian, Kashy	Engineering – Petroleum and Natural Gas	X
Iskander, Wafik	Engineering – Industrial & Management Systems	X
Abbott, Judy	HR&E – Ed Theory & Practice	X
Walls, Richard	HR&E - Research & Training Center	X
Hawkins, Andrew	PE – Physical Ed. & Sports Studies	X
Lee, Sammy	Journalism	
Ex-officio		
Torsney, Cheryl	Associate Provost/English	X
Stitzel, Robert	Graduate Education/HSC	
Lang, Gerald	Provost	
Saba, Tom	HSC - Research & Graduate Studies	
Minnear, Fred	HSC - Research & Graduate Studies	X
Hornak, Larry	CEMR – CSEE	X

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ATTENDANCE

Voting Members: Christopher Plein, Ron Balvers, Linda Milian, Andrew Hawkins, Wafik Iskander, Judy Abbott, Steve Zdatny, Richard Walls, Bob Dailey, Kashy Aminian, Tim Warner, Patrick Callery, Cheryl Torsney

Ex-officio Members: Fred Minnear, Cheryl Torsney, Larry Hornak

Pre-Agenda Discussion

According to the Graduate Council by-laws, with 16 voting members it would take 7 members to make up a quorum. Members must be on graduate faculty. The charge is to advise the provost. This council has talked before about having the past senate chair being part of the Graduate Council. Ex-officio members may vote.

Change in Curriculum for Masters in Counseling—Jennifer Adams

Jennifer Adams from the Department of Counseling, Rehabilitation Counseling, and Counseling Psychology discussed and answered questions concerning the program changes requested for the Community Counseling Master of Arts Degree. Currently, WVU's Master of Arts in Counseling is a 51 credit hour program. WV State licensing laws are changing to require 60 credit hours in order to be licensed as a counselor in the state. The changes in curriculum will prepare the programs to conform to state regulations. Three required courses will be added in Human Development and abnormal behavior.

One new course is COUN 536 (Theories of Human Development) and is numbered 536 instead of 636 to allow seniors to enroll who are not sure of their interest in the program. There will be 12 credit hours of internship and 3 credit hours of practicum. No additional resources will be required. The new courses will be required of students starting this fall, but will not be required for students previously enrolled in the program. However, students previously enrolled in the program can opt to take these additional courses.

Dr. Hawkins moved to accept the program change proposal with Dr. Abbott seconding. Motion carried.

Changes in Special Education—Barbara Ludlow

Barbara Ludlow was present to discuss and answer questions concerning changes in the Special Education Program.

These changes have resulted in a need to make major changes to several of our programs in order to ensure that our students earn certification and highly qualified teacher status, beginning with individuals admitted after July 1, 2006.

Professor Ludlow also presented an abbreviated New Program Proposal for the new teaching specialization in Autism Spectrum Disorders. This proposal is a request for approval of a plan to add a program option to the existing graduate program in Special Education that will lead to certification in Autism for grades K-6 and/or 5-Adult and/or a Masters degree in Special Education.

The Intent to Plan has been approved by the Dean of the College of Human Resources and Education and the Provost's Office for WVU and the Higher Education Policy Commission has been informed of our intent to submit a proposal to the State's Program Review Board in June 2006. The syllabi have already been approved by HR&E Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the WVU Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee. They are awaiting approval by the full Senate at its meeting on May 9, 2006.

Motion to approve Special Education's new Area of Emphasis was made by Dr. Hawkins and seconded by Dr. Walls. Motion carried.

Discussion resumed and a motion was made by Dr. Warner to approve the changes. Dr. Walls seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of several sets of minutes—Robert Stitzel

Minutes approved pending Dr. Stitzel's and Dr. Hawkins' review.

Assessment

Dr. Torsney spoke about Assessment and Why We Should Commit to Doing It. A handout was shared. Dr. Torsney talked about how assessment is used for measurement and also how it helps us to understand and improve student learning and educational quality. It will also allow graduate programs to pinpoint their strengths and weaknesses and to capitalize on the strengths and remedy the weaknesses.

Program Review

It was suggested that the author of the self-study be invited to present the self-study to Graduate Council, then there would be a small group review from Graduate Council. Another suggestion was to return to site visits. The reporting form also needs to be revamped.

The BOG two page report contains:

- Documentation of continuing need
- Assessment information, regarding Student Learning Outcomes and Achievement of Program Objectives
- Plans to Improve Quality and Productivity
- Five year Enrollment Data Trends
- Council Recommendations and Rationale

Dr. Torsney volunteered to edit the review process, clean up the report form to make it a more meaningful analysis, and rewrite the directions for completing the self-study.

Should we make changes in the Grad Council By-laws to accommodate Larry Hornak's suggested changes in our relationship with Senate Executive Committee—Larry Hornak

Dr. Hornak presented information from the Ad Hoc Committee concerning Graduate Council By-laws. The Ad Hoc Committee wants to make changes in the Graduate Council Constitution. This summer will be spent reviewing language changes. The Graduate Council for 2006-2007 will vote on the by-law changes.

Should the Graduate Council have a Chair-Elect? There are personnel issues when adding the Graduate Council Chair-Elect to the Senate Curriculum Committee Chair-Elect as a voting member. How can Dr. Stitzel be a non-voting member of Graduate Council and a voting member of the Senate Executive Committee. This representative of Graduate Council needs to be at the table of the Senate Curriculum Committee and the Senate Executive Committee. These committees can appoint members to other committees. Dr. Hawkins will draft a proposal. Some members felt that WVU needs to go back to a Graduate School with a dean to represent Graduate Council at the Dean's Council.

Dr. Plein wanted to know what, exactly, is the function of this Graduate Council? Why does the council need a Senate Curriculum Committee representative?

Dr. Callery proposed writing the proposal as a pilot to get people to the table.

Old Business

None

New Business

Members completing their terms:

- Chris Plein
- Patrick Callery
- Judy Abbott
- Sammy Lee
- William Bryan

Dr. Andrew Hawkins consented to being co-chair with Dr. Ron Balvers as co-chair. It is usually a one (1) year term.

Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 14, 2006, Andrews Conf. Room, ESB, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.