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I. Approval of the October 9, 2014, Minutes

The University of Kansas
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES
October 9, 2014, 11:00AM
STRONG HALL – ROOM 210

Members Present: Brain Ackley, Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, Justin Blumenstiel, Peter Grund, ChangHwan Kim, Peter Ojiambo, Milena Stanislavova, Armin Schulz, Ric Steele, Alesia Woszidlo, Abbie Hodgson (Graduate Student), and Patrick Terry (Graduate Student)

Others in attendance: Kristine Latta (COGA) and Cindy Lynn (COGA)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Woszidlo at 11:03 a.m.

Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 11, 2014, minutes of the Committee on Graduate Studies, as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report of the Policies and Student Petitions (PSP) Subcommittee
(Dr. Peter Grund, reporting)

Dr. Grund informed the full committee of the subcommittee’s progress on the Dean’s Charges. A survey regarding pre-comp dissertation hour enrollments and dissertation/thesis hours grading is in progress.

Report of the Program and Curricular Changes (PCC) Subcommittee
(Dr. Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, reporting)

A. Program Changes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the GERM, MA change with the following friendly amendment. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Comprehensive written and oral examinations

Elective Courses

- 751 Topics in German Studies: [3]

This German Studies Topics course is offered with specific topics and subtitles as needed in different semesters. Each semester it will cover key topics in German Studies and represents the expertise of faculty in the department as well as department-affiliated faculty. Topics range from overviews of cultural production within a specific era (Enlightenment, German Classicism, Romanticism, Vormärz, Fin de Siècle, Weimar Germany, post-1945, GDR) to investigations of particular media and theoretical questions. Course topics may include: “German Language Literature of Exile,” “German Jewish Thought and Culture,” “German Cinema and the City,” and “Theory and Practice of Weltliteratur.” See current Graduate Student Handbook for possible topics.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the SOC MA/PhD program change with the following friendly amendments. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. ChangHwan Kim responded to questions
For the Ph.D., students must complete all M.A. degree requirements and the following Ph.D. requirements:

1. Students must complete 54 total hours of graduate credits for a Ph.D. Within the first two years of the program, students must complete the following M.A. level requirements. The M.A. level program of study must be supervised, along with The M.A thesis must be supervised by with a faculty member of the student’s choosing within the first two years. If the students do not complete all the M.A. level requirements within the first two years of the program, the student will not become eligible for the renewal of their GTA/GRA funding.

B. Curricular Changes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve all curricular changes. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. New Courses: GERM 740, GERM 898, HIST 880, HIST 882, HIST 883
2. Course Changes: GERM 712, GERM 751, HIST 821[881], MUSE 782, SOC 810, SOC 811
3. Course Deletion: GERM 702

Old Business
Dr. Latta reported that the new Global MA/MBA received final approval.

Ms. Lynn reported that BIOL 743 prerequisite was corrected during an audit of the course catalog.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Wosidlo at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lynn, COG

II. Policies and Student Petitions (PSP) Report
(Dr. Peter Grund, reporting)

B. Report on Dean's Charges

III. Program and Curricular Changes (PCC) Report

A. The PCC Subcommittee recommends the following program change to the CGS:

PSYC, PhD

The requested changes to the catalog description are:

(Old) Current Catalog description

Cognitive Psychology
Paul Atchley, Cognitive Psychology Program Director
The cognitive psychology program seeks students with the intellectual potential, motivation, and quantitative aptitude to engage in productive scholarship in a basic or applied area of interest.

(New) Proposed Catalog description (name and faculty contact)
Cognitive and Brain Sciences

Evangelia G. Chrysikou, Cognitive and Brain Sciences Program Director

The cognitive and brain sciences program seeks students with the intellectual potential, motivation, and quantitative aptitude to engage in productive scholarship in a basic or applied area of interest.

The change(s) to this program will first take effect Fall 2014 and first appear in the 2015-2016 academic catalog.

JUSTIFICATION:
We would like to update our description to better reflect the composition of our faculty and the courses and training we offer our graduate students.

B. The PCC Subcommittee recommends the following new courses, and course deletion:

1. New Courses: COMS 811, GEOL 776, SLAV 754

   Communication Studies

   COMS 811 Applied Organizational Communications (3)
   This survey course addresses key communication processes in organizations, including developing and sustaining workplace relationships, providing and receiving feedback, processes of effective teams and in leadership situations. Students will apply these concepts to appreciate the dynamics of organizational culture, power, and ethics at work and will identify strategies to enhance workplace success. SEM.

   Grading: A-F, W and I

   This course is an elective
   This course is not an RSRS course

   This course is a degree requirement in the following way: This course is an elective for a COMS degree, but it is a required core course for the EVRN Professional Science Masters program.

   This course impacts students in the following way: This course has previously been offered as a topics course and will now be available on a regular basis, improving access.
It will not affect COMS graduate students and it will make the course more available to PSM students. This course was already required in the PSM curriculum.

JUSTIFICATION:
This course existed as one of many "Topics" courses. The purpose for moving it to a new course "COMS 811" it to make it a more permanent offering. It is required by the PSM and this will insure its availability for that program as well as being a regular elective option for COMS graduate students. [Has approval of EVRN PSM]

Geology

**GEOL 776 Ground Penetrating Radar (3)**
Theoretical and applied study of radar methods used for imaging the subsurface. Topics include EM theory relating to wave propagation through earth environments, GPR data acquisition, processing and interpretation. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor LEC.

Grading: A-F, W and I

This course is an elective
This course is not an RSRS course

This course is a degree requirement in the following way: The course is an elective option satisfying "Geophysics electives 500 and above" in the new revised Geology BS Geophysics Option. [Program change is not required]

This course impacts students in the following way: The course offers an additional elective to Geology BS Geophysics majors. Furthermore it will provide student training in an area of active research in the department of geology.

JUSTIFICATION:
The course topic has been taught seven times since 2003 under the generic title "GEOL 771 Advanced Geophysics". This change formalizes a course topic offered regularly in the department of geology. The course is targeted to graduate students primarily, upper-level undergraduates with consent of the instructor. Typical enrollment has been about 10 graduate students and 1-2 undergraduates. The course can fulfill elective requirements for the Geology BS Geophysics Option.

**Slavic Languages and Literatures**

**SLAV 754 Seminar in Slavic Verbal Aspect (3)**
A detailed examination of the morphology and usage of verbal aspect in Russian and other Slavic languages, which is a particularly troublesome area for foreign learners of Russian. Prerequisite: SLAV 522. SEM
Grading: A-F, W and I

This course is an elective
This course is not an RSRS course
This course is not a degree requirement

JUSTIFICATION:
There is a high degree of graduate student interest in a course of this type, which has been offered several times as a directed reading since Dr. McCartney came to the university, as his main research focus. Having this topic as a permanent course could also allow students from Linguistics to enroll.

2. Course Deletion: GEOL 774

GEOL 774 Finite Difference Methods for Geophysics (2-)
Application of finite difference methods to solve the partial differential equations that commonly occur in the study of geophysics. Representative examples will be drawn from groundwater flow, gravity and magnetics modeling, and seismic wave propagation. Emphasis will be on obtaining actual solutions for practical problems. MATH 250, or MATH 320, or consent of the instructor. LEC.

Grading: A-F, W and I

This course is not an elective
This course is not an RSRS course
This course is not a degree requirement

JUSTIFICATION:
The course has not been offered for five years (since Professor McElwee who taught the course retired). There is no plan to offer the course in the foreseeable future. We want students to have an accurate list of courses that will be taught so they can efficiently plan their program of study.

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