Minutes
February 14, 11:00 AM
STRONG HALL – ROOM 210

Members Present: Eve Levin (Chair), Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, Byron Caminero-Santangelo, Paulyn Cartwright, Chris Elles, Allison Gabriele, Paul Johnson, Ed Morris, Milena Stanislavova, Abbie Hodgson (Graduate Student), Stephanie Meador (Graduate Student), and Patrick Terry (Graduate Student)

Others in attendance: Dr. Devlin (Geology), Dr. Fite (PSYCH), Kristine Latta (COGA), Cindy Lynn (COGA) Jim Mielke (ex-officio) and Lea Smith (COGA)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Levin at 11:04 a.m.

Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 24, 2012, minutes of the Committee on Graduate Studies, as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report of the Policies, Procedures & Awards Subcommittee
(Chair: Paulyn Cartwright, reporting)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the subcommittee’s recommendations, with friendly amendments, to the dean for best practices and learner outcomes for GRAs. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report of the Petitions & Program Changes Subcommittee
(Chair: Allison Gabriele, reporting)

A. A motion was made and seconded to approve the following program change. The motion was approved unanimously.

GEOL, MA
Dr. Devlin provided additional explanation and justification in support of the program change.

B. A motion was made and seconded to approve the following program change. The motion was approved unanimously.

GEOL, PHD
Dr. Devlin provided additional explanation and justification in support of the program change, new course proposal, and curricular change as it related to the program change.

C. A motion was made and seconded to approve the following program change. The PSYCH program change will go to CAC with the pending ABSC program change. The motion was approved unanimously.

PSYCH, PHD
Dr. Fite provided additional explanation and justification in support of the program change and new course proposal.

D. A motion was made and seconded to approve the following program change, pending the department’s approval of the following deleted sentence in the proposed text. The motion was approved unanimously.

(NEW)
Proposed Program description for catalog:
Examination Option: Students take a total of 37 credit hours in required core courses (including VAE 875 Research in Art Education) and elective courses with 36 credit hours in regularly scheduled classes. Students also take a 1-credit-hour course, VAE 890 Preparation for the M.A. Examination, devoted to preparing for a written final examination. Preparation for the examination occurs during the first half of the semester and provides the basis for the course grade. The written examination, taken during the second half of the semester, requires students to demonstrate their knowledge of current issues in the field. If the written exam is deemed unsatisfactory by a majority of the student’s committee, the student will be required to retake the exam. The exact content and format of the second examination will be determined by the student’s committee members.

Report of the Curricular Changes Subcommittee
(Dr. Elles, reporting)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the following new courses recommended by the subcommittee. The motion was approved unanimously.

A. New courses: GEOL 754; POLS 904; PSYC 803

A motion was made and seconded to approve the following new courses recommended by the subcommittee to be submitted concurrently with the forthcoming ABSC 803 curricular change. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Morris responded on behalf of ABSC to questions from the CGS regarding the proposed cross listed PSYCH course and program changes. ABSC will submit the cross listed ABSC 803 curricular change and any related program change.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation from the subcommittee for curricular changes to the following courses. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Course changes: GEOL 751; POLS 909

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Levin at 11:50 am.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meetings of the CGS Subcommittees are February 21, 2013.
- Curricular Changes, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., via email
- Petitions & Program Changes, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., via Blackboard
- Policies, Procedures, and Awards, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 210 Strong Hall

The next meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies is Thursday, February 28, 2013, 11:00 a.m., 210 Strong Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lynn, COGA