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I. Approval of the March 10, 2011 Minutes

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

MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2011, 11:00AM
STRONG HALL – ROOM 210

Members Present: Bart Dean, Alison Gabriele, Tanya Hart, Boone Hopkins, Daniel Katz, Brian Laird, Eve Levin, Cullen Merritt, Paul Mirecki, Jim Mielke (ex officio), Ed Morris, Becca Peterson (ex officio), Kees van der Veen, and Gina Westergard
Others in attendance: Leatrice Smith (COGA) and Savanna Trent (COGA)

The meeting was called to order by Brian Laird at 11:05 a.m.

Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 24, 2011, minutes of the Committee on Graduate Studies, as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report of the Policies, Procedures & Awards Subcommittee
(Ed Morris, reporting)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation regarding the Dean’s third charge, part B. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report of the Curricular Changes Subcommittee
(Kees van der Veen, reporting)

- 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.
  - New course: BIOL 809

  *Courses with an asterisk indicate a course number change proposal.

  Note: The course CHEM 917 is the same as PHSX 971. The department of Physics & Astronomy has been informed of the number change for CHEM 917. The course description of PHSX 971 must be updated to reflect the number change of CHEM 917 via the curricular change form.

  - Course deletions: CHEM 801, CHEM 803, CHEM 807, CHEM 811, and CHEM 966

  - A motion was made and seconded to approve course changes CHEM 737* and CHEM 750 with minor amendments. The motion was approved unanimously.
    - CHEM 737*, delete the words “with CHEM 730”
    - CHEM 750, replace Schrodinger with Schrödinger
Report of the Petitions & Program Changes Subcommittee  
(Gina Westergard, reporting)

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Anthropology M.A. program changes proposal with a minor amendment. The degree should be written consistently throughout the proposal (i.e., M.A. or MA). The motion was approved unanimously.

- Leatrice Smith is compiling the subcommittee members’ responses on the Research Skills and Responsible Scholarship proposals. Proposals will be presented to the full committee at the next meeting.

Old Business  
(Brian Laird, reporting)

Brian Laird is seeking clarification on the parameters for revising the GTA invitation template. He is also collaborating with Dean Peterson to draft a recommendation letter regarding the template.

New Business  
(Dean Peterson, reporting)

The online catalog will be live on April 1, 2011. Savanna Trent will post the link to the Chair’s Desktop in Blackboard. The committee is encouraged to review the College and School of the Arts (SOTA) sections and provide feedback.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Brian Laird at 11:59 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meetings of the CGS Subcommittees are Thursday, March 17, 2011.
- Curricular Changes, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 210 Strong Hall
- Petitions & Program Changes, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Dean’s Office Small Conference Room 200 Strong
- Policies, Procedures, and Awards, TBA

The next meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies is Thursday, March 31, 2011, 11:00 a.m., 210 Strong Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Savanna Trent, COGA

II. Policies, Procedures & Awards Subcommittee Report

III. Curricular Changes Subcommittee Report

The Curricular Changes Subcommittee recommends the following new courses, course changes, and course deletions to the CGS:

1. New courses: CHEM 760, ENGL 757, WGSS 803*, and WGSS 804*

   CHEMISTRY

   CHEM 760 Introduction to Chemistry in Biology (3). A comprehensive introduction to the application of chemistry to address problems in biology at the molecular level. The fundamentals of biomolecules (nucleic acids, proteins, lipids and carbohydrates) and techniques of chemical biology research will be discussed. LEC
JUSTIFICATION
We have a significant number of faculty members in our department whose research is involves the application of chemistry to biological systems. This new course is designed to introduce our graduate students to this area, one that is currently not represented in our curriculum or that of other departments. This will enhance the training and recruitment of graduate students interested in the interface of chemistry and biology, an area of significant and growing interest.

ENGLISH

ENGL 757 Speculative Fiction Writing Workshop (3). An intensive, 2-week course in writing speculative fiction, including genres such as slipstream, magical realism, fantasy, horror, and science fiction. The course is part of the Center for the Study of Science Fiction Summer Institute. Application period: Jan 1 - April 15. Application includes note to instructor expressing interest and one story. May be repeated for credit with Instructor’s permission. LEC

JUSTIFICATION
This has been taught as a special summer program for over a decade. Because student interest has remained high and there are faculty available to teach it on a regular basis, we would like to make it a formal course. It will fulfill an elective course requirement in our MFA program and make available a summer elective for creative writing students.

WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

*The following courses, WGSS 803 and WGSS 804, were tabled at the CGS meeting of December 9, 2011 with the committee’s request to review the department’s Research Skills and Responsible Scholarship proposal, which has been received.

WGSS 803 Topics in Feminist Pedagogy: ______ (0.5) The goal of the course is to teach students to teach. By reading core texts of feminist pedagogy, understanding critical theories, and attending seminars at the Center for Teaching Excellence selected by instructor and student, students will learn how to present knowledge and stimulate learning in the classroom, as well as such practical skills as leading discussion sections, preparing and presenting class sessions, developing syllabi, devising fair grading and helpful advising, and solving pedagogical problems like maintaining civility in the classroom and coping with academic misconduct. Must be repeated twice for a total of 1 credit hour while actively teaching. Prerequisite: must be WGSS graduate students. SEM

JUSTIFICATION
WGSS 803 is the second course (along with 802 and 804) designed to help satisfy the requirements of the Research Skills and Responsible Scholarship requirement. The first iteration of the course will be taken while the student leads a discussion section of a lecture course (the instructor of that course will also be the instructor of 803); the second iteration will be taken while a student teaches their own course (the instructor of this iteration of 803 will be a core member of the WGSS faculty). Since the two iterations have different contexts and a different relationship between student and instructor, their content will differ: the first iteration will model successful teaching, the second will support the development of teaching skills.

WGSS 804 Topics in Professional Development: ______ (1 hour). The goal of this course is to train students in the skills essential to becoming effective scholars and educators, and successful members of the profession. The material to be covered by these three iterations includes 1) the ethics and practice of feminist research (e.g., protection of human subjects, conflicts of interest, confidentiality, legal strictures); 2) the practical aspects of producing knowledge (e.g., writing research papers, proper citation methods, conference presenting, responding to peer reviews); and 3) acquiring and securing a place in the work force (e.g., CV preparation, job interviews, grant writing, getting promotion [and, in the academy, tenure]). Must be repeated three times for a total of 3 credit hours. Prerequisite: must be WGSS graduate students. SEM
JUSTIFICATION
WGSS 804 is the third course (along with 802 and 803) designed to help satisfy the requirements of the Research Skills and Responsible Scholarship requirement. The three iterations of the course will address three pragmatic areas of the profession: the ethics and practice of feminist research; the production of knowledge; and acquiring and securing a place in the work force.

2. Course changes: PHSX 717

PHYSICS

CHANGE: DESCRIPTION & PREREQUISITE

(OLD)
PHSX 717 Graduate Seminar (1). First year graduate students meet to survey research opportunities in the department and develop skills in giving oral presentations in physics and related areas. Prerequisite: None. Only one hour of PHSX 717 can count toward required hours for degree. Prerequisite: None. Only one hour of PHSX 717 can count toward required hours for degree. LEC

(NEW)
PHSX 717 Graduate Seminar (1). First year graduate students meet to survey research opportunities in the department and develop skills in giving oral presentations in physics and related areas. Students will also learn about topics in responsible scholarship that may include: the origin of ideas and the allocation of credit, the treatment of data, scientific misconduct, intellectual property and entrepreneurship, the researcher in society, collaborative research, mentor/trainee responsibilities, and safe practices. SEM

JUSTIFICATION
We are changing the course description in response to the College's responsible scholarship requirement.

3. Amendment regarding new course WGSS 775

*The WGSS 775 course description was incorrectly posted in the CGS Agenda of February 10, 2011, as shown below. The relevant cross-listed courses HIST 809 and HWC 775 were approved with accurate course descriptions.

Description posted in CGS Agenda of February 10, 2011 with correction noted via strikethrough:

WGSS 775 Topics in the Body and the Senses:_____ (3). Advanced Studies in the Body and the Senses: An intensive examination of the role of the human body in the creation of personal and social identities in the West since the sixteenth century. Emphasis is on understanding how contemporary theories of embodiment are applied to concrete historical or contemporary problems. May be repeated. The course is offered at the 500 and 700 levels, with additional assignments at the 700 level. (Same as HIST 809 and HWC 775.) LEC

JUSTIFICATION
HWC wishes this course to be cross-listed in WGSS & HIST; WGSS cross-lists most of Chris Forth's courses.
IV. Petitions & Program Changes Subcommittee Report

1. Gerontology Certificate Request to Not Renew

Graduate Certificate Renewal

Certificate program title: Gerontology Certificate
Department or center name: Gerontology Center
Program coordinator: David Ekerdt
Year Certificate program created: Graduate Concentration in Gerontology (1984); converted to Graduate Certificate in Gerontology in 2004
Date of last curricular review: 2004

Requesting certificate renewal? Please check one of the following:

Yes_____ (if yes, provide the data and signatures requested below)

No__X____ (if no, collect the signatures requested below) Due to low demand

Number of certificates awarded in last 7 years (OIRP data): 6, none since 2007
Number of students currently enrolled (OIRP data): 1 and 1-2 inquiries. We presume these individuals can finish if inquiries enroll soon.

2. Research Skills and Responsible Scholarship proposals

V. Old Business

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