Members Present: Bart Dean, Boone Hopkins, Caroline Jewers, Daniel Katz, Brian Laird, Eve Levin, Jim Mielke (ex officio), Ed Morris, Becca Peterson (ex officio), Kees van der Veen
Others in attendance: David Ekerdt (Gerontology), Katie Rockey (COGA), Lea Smith (COGA)

The meeting was called to order by Becca Peterson at 11:05 a.m.

Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 18, 2010, minutes of the Committee on Graduate Studies, as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

- The subcommittee provided an updated progress report (posted on the CGS BlackBoard site) regarding each Dean’s charge for the academic year.
- The subcommittee presented Dr. Marta Caminero-Santangelo’s proposal to revise the College MA final examination policy and requested the full committee’s feedback.
  - The current policy was difficult to locate online. The committee discussed updating the College website with a tab for easier navigation of policy changes.
  - The committee reviewed the Graduate Studies policy and College policy regarding the MA final examination and discussed how the exam process varies among departments.
  - Becca Peterson and Ed Morris will draft an email requesting departmental feedback on aligning the College policy with the Graduate Studies policy. A motion was made and seconded to approve this recommendation.

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 courses: EALC 888, GIST 888, LING 850, POLS 888, WGSS 800, WGSS 801, WGSS 802, WGSS 810
  - Course changes: HIST 845, LING 705, LING 708, LING 709, LING 715, LING 720, LING 722, LING 725, LING 737, LING 738, PSYC 892, PSYC 894
- A motion was made and seconded to table the following courses. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - New courses: WGSS 803, WGSS 804
  - Course changes: LING 712, LING 714

*Representatives of the departments will attend the next CGS meeting to discuss the committee’s questions regarding these courses.
Report of the Petitions & Program Changes Subcommittee
(Lea Smith, reporting)

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Gerontology dual-title Ph.D. program proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.
- The committee discussed the Environmental Studies Certificate Program proposal. It was unclear if Master’s students could be admitted into the Ph.D. program. Also, they would like to recommend one track without a funding basis. A motion was made and seconded to table the proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.

*The COGA will contact the department regarding these items.*

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Brian Laird at 12:25 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies is **Thursday, January 27, 2011, 11:00 AM, 210 Strong Hall.**

The next meetings of the CGS Subcommittees are **Thursday, February 3, 2010.**
- Curricular Changes, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Strong Hall 210
- Petitions & Program Changes, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., TBA
- Policies, Procedures, and Awards, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 pm., TBA

Respectfully submitted by Savanna Trent, COGA