Minutes
APRIL 14, 2011, 11:00AM
STRONG HALL – ROOM 210

Members Present: Bart Dean, Tanya Hart, Boone Hopkins, Daniel Katz, Brian Laird, Eve Levin, Cullen Merritt, Jim Mielke (ex officio), Paul Mirecki, Ed Morris, Becca Peterson (ex officio), and Gina Westergard
Others in attendance: Dennis Domer (American Studies), Katie Rockey (COGA), Leatrice Smith (COGA) and Savanna Trent (COGA)

The meeting was called to order by Brian Laird at 11:02 a.m.

Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 31, 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 list of recipients recommended by the Subcommittee to receive the awards. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - Twenty one nominations were submitted for the Graduate Mentor Awards. The Subcommittee selected one faculty member to receive the Byron A. Alexander Graduate Mentor Award ($1000) and one faculty member to receive the John C. Wright Graduate Mentor Award ($750).
  - Five nominations were proposed for the Outstanding Thesis Award, and the Subcommittee selected two graduate students to receive the award this year ($500).

- The faculty members’ and graduate students’ names were omitted from the minutes so they may be properly notified by the Dean’s Office. The recipients will be honored in upcoming ceremonies this May.

Report of the Curricular Changes Subcommittee
(Katie Rockey, reporting on behalf of Kees Vanderveen)

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the following curricular change proposals recommended by the Subcommittee. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - New courses: AAAS 727, ANTH 725, ANTH 732, ANTH 733, ANTH 736, ECON 790, ECON 805, LING 732, and LING 733
  - Course changes: ENGL 897, LING 700, and LING 708

- A motion was made and seconded to approve course changes to PHSX 971 with the minor amendment to update the CHEM course number to reflect its new number as per the CGS minutes of March 10, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously.

- The course change proposal for PSYC 892 was approved at the CGS meeting of December 9, 2010. The course change proposal for PSYC 692 was subsequently revised, and therefore, PSYC 892 was withheld from the CAC while the department finalized revisions for both levels. Please note that the course descriptions of PSYC 892 and PSYC 692 differed slightly per subcommittee recommendations, however the variations did not change the meaning of the descriptions.
Report of the Petitions & Program Changes Subcommittee
(Gina Westergard, reporting)

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Joint Degree Program in Law and Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies with the following minor amendments. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - The committee suggested that item 2 under REES Requirements be clarified. The original text read: “Three courses for a total of 9 credit hours in the disciplinary grouping of the student’s special interest.”
    The revisions will read: “Three courses for a total of 9 credit hours in one of the course groups below based on the student’s special interest.”
  - The committee suggested deleting the text “in which” from the first sentence of item 4 under REES Requirements.
  - The committee suggested adding a sentence to the end of the paragraph under Course Groups: “Students must consult with a REES Program Graduate Advisor to ensure their selected courses meet all requirements.”

- A motion was made and seconded to table the Philosophy Ph.D. program change proposal because the committee had questions regarding how the program change met the responsible scholarship requirement. The College Office of Graduate Affairs will contact the department to request clarification on both the program change and RS² proposals. The motion was approved unanimously.

- A motion was made and seconded to forward the Mathematics Research Skills and Responsible Scholarship proposal to the Office of Graduate Studies. The motion was approved unanimously. The remaining proposals will be reviewed at the next meeting of the CGS.

Old Business

- Dean Peterson reported a change to the Graduate Studies Certificate in Environmental Studies. The proposal that was approved by the CGS on January 27, 2011 included the following requirement: Students must enroll for at least 4 semesters in EVRN 700 Colloquium (1). The requirement has been reduced to at least 3 semesters, and the updated proposal is moving forward to the Office of the Provost.

- Dean Peterson presented the 2010-2012 Academic Catalog, which went live on April 1, 2011. A committee member inquired how University Relations plans to archive the online catalogs. This information will be reported at the next meeting of the CGS.

New Business

- Dean Peterson introduced Leslie Owens, the Edwards Campus Graduate Advisor. Leslie is primarily responsible for the recruitment and guidance of graduate students in our Communications, Global International Studies, and Public Administration graduate programs.

- Dr. Dennis Domer presented a change proposal for the American Studies M.A. program and addressed several questions from the committee. The proposal will be reviewed by the Petitions and Program Changes Subcommittee at their next meeting, and it will be voted on at the CGS meeting of April 28, 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Brian Laird at 12:09 p.m.
Upcoming Meetings

The next meetings of the CGS Subcommittees are Thursday, April 21, 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., TBA
- Policies, Procedures, and Awards, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 315 Strong Hall

The next meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies is Thursday, April 28, 2011, 11:00 a.m., 210 Strong Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Savanna Trent, COGA