

Graduate Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Present: Dr. James Badger, Ms. Jill Brady (non-voting), Dr. Michelle Bryne, Dr. Patricia Donat (Chair), Dr. Andy David, Dr. Teresa Fletcher, Dr. Barry Friedman, Dr. Craig Greathouse, Dr. Dawn Hayes, Dr. Chris Jespersen (non-voting), Dr. Mark Jordan, Dr. Stefanie Palma, Dr. Richard Oates, Ms. Susan Perry (non-voting), Dr. Timothy May, Dr. Marina Slemmons

Meeting commenced at 3:30 pm.

- I. Approval of April 22, 2009, Minutes
A motion to accept the minutes was made by Dr. Palma, second by Dr. May, all in favor, motion carried.

- II. Announcement of Course and Program Changes and New Programs
 - A. COUNC 7660C, COUN 7680C, and COUN 7681C – Dr. Fletcher
Corrected revisions in course credit hours.

 - B. EDUC 6516, EDUC 6517, EDUC 6518, EDUC 6520, EDUC 6521, EDUC 6522, EDUC 6523, EDUC 6524, EDUC 6525, EDUC 6526, EDUC 6527, EDUC 6528, EDUC 6529, EDUC 6530, EDUC 6531, EDUC 6532, EDUC 6533, EDUC 6534, EDUC 6535, EDUC 6536, EDUC 6537, EDUC 6538, EDUC 6539, EDUC 6540, EDUC 6541, EDUC 6542, EDUC 6543, EDUC 6544, EDUC 6545, EDUC 6546, EDUC 6547, EDUC 6548, EDUC 6549, EDUC 6550, EDUC 6551, EDUC 6552 (1-3) – Dr. Richard Oates

Addition of online courses as individual courses vs. repetition of Special Topics course. Intended for CaseNex /School District Professional Development Program students.

MGED 6201 (3) – Dr. Oates
New course as part of additional content courses for the MED/MGED program.

 - C. NDPT 7525 (3), NDPT 7526 (1), NDPT 7532 (Title Change), NDPT 7522 (Deleted) – Dr. Stefanie Palma
Sequencing change in the research classes for the Physical Therapy Program.

 - D. Letter of Intent New Doctoral Program Proposal – Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree – Dr. Mariana Slemmons
 - Post master’s program, eventually expand to post-baccalaureate
 - 5 semesters
 - Implement only if federally funded
 - Full proposal will be submitted to BOR following DPT SACS process
 - Professional organizations have proposed DNP programs should be entry level for advanced nursing practice by 2015
 - Goal is to offer program by Fall 10 – latest Fall 11

III. New Business – Dr. Donat

- A. Graduate Bulletin – Graduate and undergraduate bulletins will use a software package, SmartCatalog, which will provide ability to publish and update bulletins to the web efficiently.
- B. Front Sections of the Graduate Bulletin
1. **Introduction** – Minor changes to be consistent with the undergraduate bulletin.
 2. **Important Public Information Statements/Student Email** – Statement added.
 3. **Admissions/International Students** – BOR's recommendation is 6.5 on the IELTS. On a motion by Dr. Oates, second by Dr. Greathouse, council approved a change in the graduate requirement from 6 to 6.5.
 4. **Admissions/Transcripts** – Dr. Friedman will work with Dr. Donat to draft wording. Vote was tabled for next Graduate Council meeting.
 5. **Academics/Change of Program** – Rewording will require students to reapply to Graduate Admissions. This process will be consistent throughout the bulletin.
 6. **Academics/Appeal of Grades/Dismissal** – Clarified timeline, advisors, can appeal dismissal to the BOR. There was some discussion how the appeal process and the Academic and Professional Integrity Policy will be implemented for totally online programs. It was suggested Faculty Senate address the graduate representation. There was some discussion regarding the notification to Academic Affairs. It was suggested that students be advised to notify Academic Affairs when initiating a grade appeal process.
- C. Financial Aid Section
- Minor changes were made by Financial Aid to address questions raised during a previous Graduate Council meeting. On a motion by Dr. Friedman, second by Dr. Bryne, the Financial Aid Section was approved.
- D. Community Counseling Program Section
- Motion by Dr. Fletcher and second by Dr. Oates to approve. Objection was raised by Dr. Friedman regarding the limit of hours a non-degree student at NGCSU could possibly apply toward a MS in Community Counseling degree (and for other programs as well).
- With an amendment by Dr. Friedman to strike the present wording on the hour limitation a NGCSU non-degree student could possibly count toward the degree, and with a second by Dr. Greathouse, with a four to three vote with one abstention, council approved the wording exclusion, and the program section was approved. Dr. Fletcher will discuss this change with program and dean.
- E. Education Program Section – On a motion by Dr. Oates, second by Dr. Friedman, the Education section was approved, one vote in opposition, with the wording regarding the limit of hours by a non-degree NGCSU student excluded.
- F. Nursing Program Section – On a motion by Dr. Slemmons, second by Dr. Friedman, the Nursing section was approved with the wording regarding the limit of hours by a non-degree NGCSU student excluded.

- G. Physical Therapy Program Section - On a motion by Dr. Hayes, second by Dr. Bryne, the section was approved with minor edits.
- IV. Announcements – Dr. Donat
- A. Differentiating general student conduct and professional student conduct issues. A work committee was formed to include Drs. Clower, Friedman, Palma, one faculty member from the Community Counseling program, and one student representative.
 - B. With the use of SmartCatalog for graduate bulletin maintenance, course descriptions will be pulled from Banner. Therefore, it will be necessary for programs to update course descriptions in Banner. Either Dr. Donat or the Registrar's Office will distribute to the graduate programs descriptions currently in Banner for review.
 - C. The next Graduate Council Meeting will be held October 7, 2009, 3:30 pm, in HNS Room 149.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Perry