

Graduate Council Minutes
9/22/09, 11:30-12:30P

Members Present: Suzanne Griffith, Susan Loonsk, Keith Berry, Orv Clark, Ella Cross, Cecilia Schrenker, Jennifer Christensen

Absent: Rhoda Robinson, Faith Hensrud, Cathy Pulkinen

9/9 Grad Council minutes approved (motion by Orv/ second by Cecilia; unanimous approval)

New Business:

- a) (Orv) Grad student, received MA at UW-S, now overseas, now working toward certification in school administration. 2 classes are 1 year over the 10 year deadline. Feedback was solicited to see if it would be worthwhile for student to petition to waive the policy in this case.

Cecilia would have no hesitation if the core information (with respect to the course, topic area, etc.) had not changed in that 1 year period. Suzanne shared, for her, it would be less a problem if the student had stayed current in the area within that year period. Cecelia expressed a concern regarding how we'll inform the certificate officer on the matter, and wonders if a change in catalogue copy would be needed (see p. 120). Keith mentioned that he, as member on the petition's committee, would inevitably defer to Suzanne and Orv, given the closer connection they have to the content area.

- b) Council discussed the topic of catalogue copy reiterating that students cannot use same credits for 2 different degrees (p. 120).
- c) Catalogue Copy (First Part, Graduate Policies, pp 117-121). Jennifer offered to go through the section and work with Dean. Tentative plan would be to begin working on these general policies at 10/609 meeting. Council was curious if Sandy would be present, and if not, if it would be possible to find out what things (concerns/questions) have been brought to our attention regarding Graduate Studies.

UW-S "Graduate Studies" or "Graduate Program"— both have been used recently. Council agreed to check for consistency in naming (one vs. both) across the written catalogue and online services.

Suzanne has been going through copy, including course listings, and asked the group how we should proceed with the numbering of courses in our catalogue copy revision process. Jennifer suggested not putting numbers in place at the current moment, and that the issue will be handled at the department level.

Jennifer shared the Provost's commitment for us, including Graduate Studies, to share resources among units as much as possible, and that the topic would be an important consideration to bring to Graduate Council discussion.

Keith suggested connections between the idea of sharing of resources to maximize programming as a component likely tied to Graduate Council's hard work during the '08-'09 AY, particularly our strategy to provide high level graduate programming.

- d) For the Good of the Order: Jennifer keenly asked the group why Ella was not a voting member of Graduate Council. Ella suggested looking to the Charter for answers. Jennifer anticipated her reviewing the Charter and said she would like to bring this forward for fuller Graduate Council discussion. Cecilia asked if we could vote to approve voting status, at this time, until the Charter gets reviewed. The sense of the fuller group, led by Suzanne and Orv, was that this move would work against charter. Jennifer reminded the group that the Charter's on the university website.

Jennifer mentioned that the election of Keith for Council secretary took place last year in May without a fuller discussion of Sandy's upcoming time away, which affects the taking and producing of minutes, and thus, workload related to this service. Orv suggested we talk to Rhoda to check on options. Jennifer suggested possibly taking turns, and volunteered a turn at minute taking for the next meeting. Keith thanked Jennifer for offering the topic and the group for its discussion.

[Secretary's note: Through discussion with Rhoda, Jennifer has secured assistance from the graduate office for assistance in the minute taking process, for those times when Sandy will not be present.]

Motion to adjourn by Keith, second by Orv.

Next meeting of Graduate Council is Tuesday October 6, 2009 at 11:30a.

Notes taken/transcribed for this Council meeting by Secretary, Keith Berry. Please let Keith know of any infelicities in transcription as soon as possible.