

Executive Committee
of the
Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

April 6, 2011
Whetten Graduate Center – Giolas Conference Room
3:00 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:04 P.M. Interim Dean Lee A. Aggison, Jr. presided.
2. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the meeting of March 2, 2011.
3. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the list of Dissertation Proposals.
4. A proposal for a program modification received from the Department of Educational Psychology was received and considered. The proposal seeks approval of a modification to the renewal of an existing agreement with Switzerland concerning a master's degree program in *Educational Psychology: Gifted and Talented Education*. Del Siegle and Judith Mathews from the Department of Educational Psychology were present to explain the proposal. The requested modification involves a reduction in the number of required credits from 36 to 30. It was agreed following discussion that further review and revision of the proposal should be considered. The matter will be placed on the agenda of a future meeting when this has been done.
5. The group considered and discussed the following question: Should a student be permitted to have two Areas of Concentration within a single degree program? Terra Blakeslee from the Graduate School Office participated in the discussion. Following discussion, it was **moved** (S. De Guise), seconded (W. Abikoff), and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote that the Graduate School permit students to have more than one Area of Concentration per each master's and doctoral program completed.
6. The group considered and discussed a proposal from the Neag School of Education to consolidate the existing Fields of Study (FOSs) of *Educational Technology* and *Special Education* into the current Field of Study of *Educational Psychology* and to merge the Sixth Year Certificate Programs in *Cognition and Instruction* and *Educational Technology* into a single Sixth Year Certificate Program to be called *Cognition, Instruction, and Learning Technology*. Under FOS *Educational Psychology*, the proposal adds Areas of Concentration (AOCs) in *Educational Technology* and *Special Education*. Proposed also is changing the name of the *Cognition and Instruction* AOC to *Cognition, Instruction, and Learning Technology*. It was agreed to invite Assistant Dean of the Neag School of Education Yuhang Rong to participate in a discussion of the proposal at the next meeting.
7. A proposal from the Women's Studies Program to change the name of the Graduate Certificate Program in *Women's Studies* to the Graduate Certificate Program in *Feminist Studies* was considered.

Following brief discussion, it was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the change of name as proposed.
8. It was agreed that a meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council will be called for April 20, 2011. The main agenda item will be the electronic submission of dissertations. Michael Bennett, University Librarian, is scheduled to attend to answer any remaining questions.
9. L. Aggison informed members that he presented an annual report for the Graduate School at a recent Senate meeting.
10. The group discussed the six-credit limit on transfer credits for master's degrees – in terms of both credits from other institutions and non-degree credits.
11. L. Aggison asked if members would consider meeting over the summer to consider the policies and procedures updates being completed by the Policies and Procedures *ad hoc* Task Force. There was general agreement to do so.
12. Adjournment was at 4:58 PM.

Present: W. Abikoff, M. Aindow, J. Barnes-Farrell, J. G. Clifford, S. De Guise, J. Marsden, S. Nunnally, L. Aggison (Interim Dean), C. Lin (Associate Dean), B. Kream (Associate Dean), and T. Peters (Program Director)

Respectfully submitted,

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