



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS

GRADUATE SCHOOL

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 15, 2007

Attending: Kurt Baker, Randall Brown, Bret Carroll, Claudia Cortes, Diana Demetrulias, April Hejka-Ekins, Ann Kohlhaas, David Lindsay, Mira Mayer, Arnold Schmidt, Margaret Tynan, , Shawna Young
Excused: Peter Nelligan, Pamela Roe, Dennis Sayers, Ramón Vega de Jesús, Andrew Wagner
Ex-Officio: Carl Bengston, Carl Brown
Guests: Mary Borba, David Colnic, Steven Graham

David Lindsay called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

I. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved.

II. Approval of February 15, 2007 Minutes. The minutes were approved.

III. Information.

A. **Continuing Enrollment Registration –MDIS 7005 (Graham) – Attachment #0607-18.** Steve Graham requested to revisit the present continuing enrollment policy. There is a need to establish procedures for students who take Comp Exams or Leaves of Absence, or whose faculty is unavailable. Steven shared with the Council various ways other California State Universities implement their policy. It was agreed upon that those departments who offer comp exams would meet separately to come up with a solution and bring it to the Council at a later time. Discussion will take place during a future meeting.

IV. Action.

A. **Course Proposal - ENGL 5150 History of the English Language (Perrello) – Attachment #0607-14.** Arnold Schmidt spoke on behalf of Tony Perrello. This is a foundation course in language study. It will strengthen the student's ability to teach others from bilingual backgrounds, and enhance the student's ability to read and evaluate written texts. A motion was made by April Hejka-Ekins to approve the proposal with the following revisions, pending final approval of revisions by Diana Demetrulias:

1. Modify the language of the Student Learning Objectives to suggest that it can be measured.
2. Modify proposal to include the weight of the exams/assignments.
3. Update the grade option to a letter grade option.

Margaret Tynan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. **Course Proposal - MKT 5460 Advanced Consumer Behavior (Aly) – Attachment #0607-15.** Randall Brown spoke on behalf of Nael Aly. This is a master's level consumer behavior course. It will serve as an additional Marketing elective. A motion was made by Bret Carroll to approve the proposal contingent upon the following language revisions:

1. Reduce the catalog description to meet length maximum.
2. Modify the language of the Student Learning Objectives to suggest that it can be measured.

Shawna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- C. **Program Revision – Multiple Subject Credential Program (Borba) – Attachment #0607-17.** The Multiple Subject Credential Program seeks to modify their program to better serve the needs of their students. The following revisions will be made to the program upon approval of the Graduate Council:
1. Combine EDMS 4110, EDMS 4111 and EDMS 4112 with EDMS 4113 to create one 5-unit Reading/Language Arts Methods course.
 2. Expand EDMS 4180 from a 1-unit course to a 3-unit course.

A motion was made by Bret Carroll to approve the program revision. Mira Mayer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. Discussion.

- A. **Library Repository (Bengston).** Carl Bengston informed the Council that an initiative has been passed to develop a repository in the Library to store scholarly input. This repository will be utilized to store master's theses, digital collections, and archives. It is expected to be available for deposit in the fall.
- B. **CSU Stanislaus Stockton Center (Hejka-Ekins).** Some of the Council members expressed concern with the changes the Stockton campus is facing. SEC & FBAC representatives as well as other committee representatives were encouraged to bring this up in their meetings as a discussion item.
- C. **Course Proposal Review (Demetrulias).** The Council was asked to think about the current process for reviewing course proposals to consider if the process should be revised. Discussion will take place during a future meeting.
- D. **Thesis/Project Workload (Demetrulias).** The Council discussed proposing a policy to limit the number of thesis/project committee members to a minimum of two persons instead of three. The third person would take part only if necessary. The Council also suggests that the policy include a provision in which faculty and the committee chair receive credit for their participation on the committee. Diana Demetrulias will work on drafting a document.
- E. **GRE (Demetrulias).** The Educational Testing Service (ETS) has announced that the Graduate Record Examination will be administered as a computer-based test solely. Concerns that this change may pose a problem were discussed.

VI. Reports

- A. **Academic Senate Report (Nelligan).** Deferred.
- B. **Associated Students Report (Cortes).** The Council was informed about upcoming elections for Associated Students Inc.
- C. **Faculty Budget Advisory Committee Report—FBAC (Lindsay).** FBAC is currently reviewing the University's reorganization policy for fiscal implications. After an approval, the recommendations will go to the Academic Senate.
- D. **Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Policy Committee (Baker).** The committee is currently working on Research Misconduct and Intellectual Property policies and plans.
- E. **Vice Provost (Demetrulias).** Deferred.

VII. Announcements.

- A. **Thesis/Project Templates (Bengston).** The templates are now available on the Graduate School Web site. An electronic correspondence will be sent to notify faculty and staff of its availability.

Shawna Young moved to adjourn the meeting; April Hejka-Ekins seconded the motion.

David Lindsay adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Raichelle Owens.