

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

MINUTES 3 March 2000

PRESENT: L. Bennett (CAS), K. Davis (Biol), B. Gholson (Psych), A. Graham (Comm), E. Grusin (Jour), M. Hamrick (HMSE), W. Janna (HCE), W. Jermann (EE), C. Langstraat (FCBE), M. Logan (CCFA), E. Rakow (CEPR), D. Smith (Tech), D. Tucker (Hist), D. Wark (AUSP), K. Weddle-West (COE), L. Brinkley (VPRDGS), Dianne Horgan (ADGS)

Absent: D. Sherrell (Bus), W. Smith (Bus)

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

- I. L. Brinkley urged the Council to publicize the Provost's Predoctoral Diversity Fellowships, reminding them that the extra GA funds assigned to the Dean's offices can be used to fund the out years of the awards when the department's financial obligation increases. After these opening remarks, she had to leave to attend another meeting.
- II. D. Smith moved (2/E. Rakow) that the minutes of the February meeting be approved. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- III. D. Horgan urged academic units to nominate outstanding graduate students for the GSA's Leadership Awards. The deadline is 22 March 2000.
- IV. D. Horgan presented the plan for this meeting. Grade and retention appeals will be tabled for further revisions and approval by the Legal Department. Only editorial changes to Section 2 marked "substantive" on the worksheet distributed on 2/18 will be discussed and approved at this meeting. The following substantive changes were approved, but will not go into effect for one year, in order for the academic units to have time to modify their program descriptions as necessary to bring them into line with overall policy.
 - A. p. 14, col. A: Under 'Conditional Admissions': "...may enroll for one semester only for a maximum of TWELVE (12) credit hours. . ."
 - B. p. 15A: modify this rule "...the student must complete a minimum of 2/3 of the course credits . ." . Using a standard 12 hrs for the masters would be simpler. We could also allow more than 12 for those very few masters programs that have more than 36 hours required. Leaving it open at the doctoral would allow for needed flexibility. Any program could specify fewer than 12 for their master's or a specific limit for doctoral. We may need to delay this change until next year to allow programs to put in specifics, but deciding now to do this for 2001/2002 would alert programs to make any necessary changes to their sections.

- C. P. 16A: Accept Provost's office changes to Audit policy after editing for Graduate School requirements.
- D. P. 17A: Under credit by exam, substitute college director for graduate school to approve credit by exam.
- E. P. 17B: Under #2, "Validation," change to "Not more than 12 hours of the total credits in a master's program maybe validated. Not more than one-third of the total credits in a doctoral program may be validated."
- F. P. 17B: NOTE about credit by exam and validation: Ideally, it would be good to have these two processes differ. Credit by exam should be for cases where the student has knowledge but has not taken the appropriate course; validation should be when the course was taken here but has expired. Allowing more generous and flexible policy here and with regard to time limits will allow us to maintain this distinction. We've deteriorated into using both categories to deal with expired courses. This will be addressed in the next print catalog (2001-2003).
- G. P. 17B: Under "Transfer Credit," change from 6 hours allowed to 12.
- H. P. 18A: "Academic Probation," add approval of graduate school for continuation despite academic probation.
- I. P. 20A: Under "Expiration of Catalog," besides updating and minor editing, we suggest adding the more detailed information that appears on the inside of the front cover.
- J. P. 20B: Omit the 70% rule, which appears to be a local rule (according to Noel Schwartz, it is neither a TBR nor a THEC rule).
- K. P. 20B: Change number of workshop and independent courses that may count from 9 to 12, with note that some programs allow fewer.
- L. P. 21A: Change time limit to allow 8 years for programs with more than 36 hours.
- M. P. 21A: Revise "Continuous Enrollment":
 - 1. Clarify that back tuition will be charged
 - 2. Eliminate summer enrollment requirement
 - 3. Allow exception if major professor unavailable
 - 4. Allow exception for medical reasons, but not retroactive

The remaining substantive changes will be addressed at the April meeting.

- V. There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Hurley.