**Graduate Council**

**Minutes**

**February 10, 2012**

The Graduate Council met Friday, February 10, 2012 at 1:00 pm in the Cardinal Room of the University Center.

Members present: R. Adams, J. Byrd, L. Comer, L. DeWald, K. Greysen, B. Kloeppel, P. Robertson, S. Higgins, Karen Lunnen, A. Malesky, D. Sally, J. Shirley, S. Swanger, K. Topolka-Jorissen and L. Wright

Members absent: R. Carton, K. Cooper-Duffy, G. Graham, S. Ha,

Others present: E. Frazier

**Announcements** The announcements were distributed as an electronic handout for the meeting.

**Approval of the Minutes** Motion and second to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2012 meeting. Motion passed.

**Standing Committee Reports**

 **Graduate Faculty Review**

 The following persons were approved by the Graduate Faculty Review Committee as members of the graduate faculty and came as aseconded motion for approval.

 Debasish Banerjee Acct, Fin, Info Sys and Econ Associate

 **Motion passed.**

 **Curriculum Review**

The following curriculum items were reviewed by the Curriculum Committee and came as aseconded motion.

 **AA-6:**

**Master of Human Resources-**

Add new course HR 613 *Performance Appraisal and Feedback* as an elective to the MSHR program.

**Master of Arts in Psychology (General-Experimental Concentration)-**

The general-experimental concentration was de-activated last year as a result of college program prioritization in the current budget climate. Given changing budgetary scenarios and the recent push for increased graduate enrollment, we have been given permission to re-activate this concentration and to accept students into it for Fall, 2012.

**Specialist School Psychology-**

The School Psychology Graduate program needs to delete a Consultation course offered through the Counseling Department (COUN 645) and add a Consultation course through the Psychology Department. The reason for this change is that there is no longer anyone in the Counseling Department who has a background in Consultation that can teach this course and this is a primary course requirement for students in our graduate program and needed in order to maintain our national certification. This course needs to be more specific to Consultation for School Psychologists.

 **AA-5:**

HR 613 Performance Appraisal and Feedback (3)

 PA 665 Performance Measurement (3)

 PA 679 The Practice of Government Planning( 3)

ACCT 670 Ethics for Accounting Professionals( 3)

PSY 623 School-Based Consultation( 3)\*

 **Motion passed.**

 \*The Chair of the Curriculum Committee will require a consultation form from the Counseling program.

The Curriculum Committee’s proposed revisions to the AA-4, AA-5 and AA-6 curriculum forms were submitted for a vote. Motion passed with suggested changes to the AA-4, AA-5 and AA-6 curriculum forms. The Chair will communicate approved changes to Dean Higgins for circulation to the College curriculum chairs and subsequently to the Provost for approval.

 **Academic Program & Policy Review**

No report.

 **Student Financial Aid**

 The Chancellor’s Fellowship and Study Grant applications are available on the Graduate School website at[**http://www.wcu.edu/263.asp**](http://www.wcu.edu/263.asp)**.**

Agenda Items

Scott updated the Graduate Council regarding the graduate faculty credentialing discussion at the recent Council of Deans meeting. Melissa Wargo from Institutional Planning and Research attended. At the present time there appears to be no SACS issues identified regarding graduate faculty credentialing policies and procedures at Western Carolina University if alternative faculty credentials documentation is placed on file in the College offices

Scott announced that from 2:00-3:00 the Graduate School 2012-13 Budget Hearing was scheduled to discuss proposed budget requests.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Submitted by – Elizabeth Frazier

Please note: All attachments are on file in the Graduate School with the Graduate Council meeting minutes.