Graduate Council

Minutes—September 10, 2009
3:30 pm, Academic Affairs Conference RM 239

Members Present: Harold Little, Shane Spiller, Kirk Atkinson, Rebecca Wharton/Yasar Tekin, Elizabeth Jones, Nedra Atwell, Patti Whetstone, Lindsey Gilmore, Lawrence Alice, Martin Stone, Danielle Racke, Andrew McMichael, Alison Ganze, Michael Ann Williams, Leslie Abell, Beverly Siegrist, Dana Bradley, Shrikant Pawar, Nevil Speer, Jennifer Dietzel, Sarah Kessler (Council Secretary)

Members Absent: Claus Ernst, Ritchie Taylor

Alternate Members Present: Ellen Schiltz


I. Elect Graduate Council Chair and Vice-Chair for AY 2009-2010.
   A. Nevil Speer nominated as chair
      Dietzel/Jones motion
      Atwell/Atkinson motion to close nominations and approval passed
   B. Shane Spiller
      Speer/Atwell motion
      Atwell/McMichael motion to close nominations and approval passed

II. Appointment of committee chairpersons and members of various committees.
   A. Rules Committee (3 faculty, 1 student): Kirk Atkinson, Martin Stone, Beverly Siegrist (chair), Jennifer Dietzel
   B. Graduate Student Research Grants (3 faculty, 1 student): Elizabeth Jones, Michael Ann Williams, Dana Bradley, Danielle Racke
   C. Graduate Faculty (3 faculty): Nedra Atwell, Harold Little (chair), Claus Ernst
   D. Professional Education Council (1 member): Patti Whetstone

III. Consideration of July 9, 2009 minutes.
   The minutes stand approved as distributed.

IV. New Business

   A. Potter College of Arts and Letters

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(Freida Eggleton worked with the department to change the course number, because ENG 498G is already in use.)
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<td>*Atwell/Jones motion for approval of SWRK 521, 621 and 511 passed.</td>
<td>Revise a Course Number SWRK 521 Social Work Clinical Assessment and Intervention Contact: Janice Chadha <a href="mailto:janice.chadha@wku.edu">janice.chadha@wku.edu</a> 799-1550</td>
<td>Revise a Course Number SWRK 621 Rural Community Organization and Development Contact: Janice Chadha <a href="mailto:janice.chadha@wku.edu">janice.chadha@wku.edu</a> 799-1550</td>
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<td>Delete a Course SWRK 511 Understanding the Rural Community Contact: Janice Chadha <a href="mailto:janice.chadha@wku.edu">janice.chadha@wku.edu</a> 799-1550</td>
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<td>Revise Course Credit Hours SWRK 560 Foundation Field Practicum I Contact: Janice Chadha <a href="mailto:janice.chadha@wku.edu">janice.chadha@wku.edu</a> 799-1550</td>
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<td>*Atwell/Siegrist motion to discuss and approve all action item SWRK courses passed. Friendly amendments made to SWRK 560, 561, 660, 661 and 612.</td>
<td>Revise Course Credit Hours SWRK 561 Foundation Field Practicum II Contact: Janice Chadha <a href="mailto:janice.chadha@wku.edu">janice.chadha@wku.edu</a> 799-1550</td>
<td>Revise Course Credit Hours SWRK 640 Applied Social Work Research Contact: Dr. Janice Chadha <a href="mailto:janice.chadha@wku.edu">janice.chadha@wku.edu</a> 799-1550</td>
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<td>Revise Course Credit Hours SWRK 660 Advanced Field Practicum I Contact: Janice Chadha <a href="mailto:janice.chadha@wku.edu">janice.chadha@wku.edu</a> 799-1550</td>
<td>Revise Course Credit Hours SWRK 661 Concentration Field Practicum II Contact: Janice Chadha <a href="mailto:janice.chadha@wku.edu">janice.chadha@wku.edu</a> 799-1550</td>
<td>Multiple Revisions to a Course SWRK 501 Cultural Competency in Social Work Practice Contact: Janice Chadha <a href="mailto:janice.chadha@wku.edu">janice.chadha@wku.edu</a></td>
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V. Other Business

A. Discuss the creation of a multiple program framework (Teacher Leader Master’s programs).
   *Graduate Council members are asked to provide feedback and questions to Tony Norman or Retta Poe.

B. Discuss increasing the number of hours applied to a certificate and graduate program.
   *Proposal referred to the Rules Committee for consideration.

C. Report from Graduate Dean.
   a. Fall 2009 enrollment is 3,053, up 275 from Fall 2008. Enrollment is up in a variety of departments and programs, including Elementary Education and Kinesiology, Recreation and Sport with the highest enrollment gains from last year.
   b. Graduate Assistantships distributed across campus are up this year. During the AY 2008-2009 $792,000 was distributed in Tuition Waivers and $3.4 million for GA’s. A total of 96.5 full tuition waivers were provided during AY 08-09.
   c. Tuition bills are currently assessed dependent upon when students register, which causes students to wait to register in some cases. A request has been made to change this procedure.
   d. Items to be addressed by Graduate Council during the AY 09-10 include:
      i. Thesis completion and submission including, increasing the number completed, defining what is a thesis, submitting paper copies, and formatting and pagination issues.
      ii. Research tools including what are they and should they be required.
      iii. Posthumous degree policy.
      iv. Appeals committee for graduate students, similar to the Committee on Credits and Graduation for undergraduate students.

D. Kinchel Doerner asked Graduate Council members for website suggestions for improvement and spoke briefly about plans for Graduate Studies and Research to become a paperless office.

E. Nedra Atwell requested that Graduate Council consider and discuss dissertation committees, chairing a dissertation, quality and attention to students, and responsibilities of working with doctoral students.

VI. Adjournment 4:22 p.m.