



September 6, 2012

In attendance: Mark Burris, Sam Kirkpatrick, Taylor Smith, Jane Welsh, Nancy Duran, Adam Seipp, Patricia Hurley, George Cunningham, Karen Butler-Purry, Leslie Feigenbaum, Dave Reed, Dick Haney, Carmelita Pickett, Sandra Williams, David Martin, Mark Zoran, Kevin Heinz, Jana Corley

1. Discussion Items:

- a. Graduate Council Membership: The Graduate Council Committee Profile and Roster was handed out. Note that some terms have expired, and formal appointments will need to be made. Volunteers for Vice-Chair should e-mail Dr. Zoran. There are 2 years left on this term.
- b. Fall Meeting Schedule and Deadline: The schedule has been posted to the Graduate Council web site.
- c. Request for Change in Curriculum Form: This form has been created to accompany all requests for change in curriculum. Please take this form back to your college GIC and send any comments or concerns to Mark Zoran or Sandra Williams.
- d. Minimum Syllabus Requirements (Learning Outcomes): Learning Outcomes are no longer “recommended” and are now required on syllabi.
- e. Syllabus and Statements on Faculty Research: This is not a requirement but can be helpful.
- f. Possible THECB Changes to Underproducing Graduate Program Policy: Changes are most likely coming down from THECB which will change the current minimum of 10 doctoral degrees or 15 master’s degrees in 5 years to a minimum of 15 doctoral degrees or 25 master’s degrees in 5 years. As a group we need to think proactively about how to deal with this. The change could become official as early as 2014.

2. New Course Requests:

The following new courses were approved by the Graduate Council:

- a. BIOL 661 Antimicrobial Agents
- b. CSCE 621 Language, Library, and Program Design Using C++
- c. ECON 684 Professional Internship
- d. HIST 624 Readings in Race, Ethnicity, and Migration
- e. HIST 625 Research Seminar in Race, Ethnicity, and Migration
- f. HIST 639 Readings in Asian History
- g. HIST 640 Readings in Atlantic World and Caribbean History
- h. HIST 641 Research Seminar in Atlantic World and Caribbean History
- i. HIST 648 Readings on Topics in Modern European History
- j. HIST 674 Readings in Chicano-Latino History
- k. HIST 675 Research Seminar in Chicano-Latino History
- l. VIBS 613 Evolutionary Bioinformatics
- m. VLCS 681 Seminar

The following new course requests were tabled:

- a. NRSC 630 Health Psychology & Behavioral Medicine
- b. NRSC 633 Neuropsychopharmacology
- c. WFSC 655 Applied Biodiversity Science

3. Course Change Requests:

The following course change requests were approved by the Graduate Council:

- a. HIST 645 Research Seminar in War and Society
- b. HIST 646 Readings in War and Society
- c. NUEN 611 Radiation Detection and Measurement
- d. NUEN 612 Radiological Safety and Hazards Evaluation
- e. NUEN 613 Principles of Radiological Safety
- f. NUEN 673 Radiation Biology
- g. NUEN 676 Health Physics Instrumentation
- h. NUEN 681 Seminar
- i. NUEN 684 Professional Internship

The following course change request was tabled:

- a. SCSC 654 Genome Analysis

4. Special Consideration Items:

The following Special Consideration Item was approved by the Graduate Council:

- a. Request to change the names of the Master of Agriculture, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Rangeland Ecology & Management