

Graduate Council Meeting Notes
October 30, 2014
4:00PM – 5:00PM
BUS 239

Present: Tracey Robinson, Don Basse, Cheri Meder, Lia Carpio, Matt Schildt, Mike Tomlin, Margaret Doell, Liz Thomas-Hensley
Excused: Ed Crowther

I. Information Items:

A. CO Alliance of Research Libraries Presentation – Mr. George Machovec and Ms. Carol Smith

George Machovec presented information on the Colorado Alliance of Research Universities. His presentation outlined the ways in which this collaboration can make research opportunities more robust. In particular access to electronic journals would increase along with access to electronic book resources, and improved rates for many licenses. Carol estimated that start up costs would be about \$20K, with ongoing costs of \$10-12K after full implementations. **Grad Council fully endorsed participation in this Alliance.** It was suggested that the new Title V grant for graduate Student support might be a good way of paying for the costs initially.

II. Discussion Items:

A. Grade Forgiveness Policy – Professor Thomas-Hensley

Liz presented a brief overview of the research she had done on grade forgiveness at the graduate level. She provided the policies for 10 different institutions. In general it appeared that the smaller the institution the less likely they were to have a grade forgiveness policy, and the larger the institution the more lenient the policy was. **In general GC agreed that some kind of policy was necessary. Since GC members had not read the different policies it was agreed that they would review the document prior to the next meeting at which time a recommendation for the policy will be made.**

B. “State of Oregon” authorization – Professor Doell

Margaret requested information regarding which graduate programs require placement, internships or externships in the state of Oregon. GC members expressed concern at the lengthy process required for these individual state approvals and asked whether there is any way to get broad approval and simplify the process as well as shorten the time frame for such approvals. Counselor Ed, in particular expressed frustration at receiving ‘cease and desist ‘ letters from different states and the difficulty of communicating to student why they can or cannot be admitted in some states.

In the State of Oregon these programs currently require placement in internships, practicums, and externships:

- Counselor Education
- HEAL

These programs do not currently have active students in the State of Oregon but might well in the future.

- MBA
- Sport Management
- Coaching
- Music

Margaret will check with Ed about Teacher Ed, History and CRM

III. Action Items:

A. Approval of Notes from the October 2, 2014 Meeting - **Approved**

B. MA in Cultural Resource Management Changes – Dr. Crowther

- MA in CRM Degree Change Form
- Rubrics
- ANTH 349/549 Institutional Syllabus
- CRM 591 Course Change Form
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- CRM Emphasis Program Change Form
- CRM Thesis Guide

The CRM changes were approved pending addressing the following concerns and making related modifications to the syllabi:

- Rubrics –
 - too boilerplate & not clearly linked to measures in the Institutional syllabus
 - spelling & grammar doesn't have anything in 'above average' – why not? It should be possible
 - % for collaboration seems very high / collaboration component seems emphasize the degree to which a student uses the technology rather than any learning or demonstration understanding
- Institutional Syllabi –
 - Need to explicitly state weight of each assessment measure and relevant rubric, they do not
 - Can Thesis be failed? As written the only grade options are 'A', and 'B'.

GC is not interested in seeing the syllabi and changes again as long as these items are fixed.

IV. Informational Items from Areas

No areas other Counselor Ed had information items. They are busy with recruiting, conferences, and getting ready for new cohorts. Several students have received substantial scholarships including a \$5000 scholarship and Gregg Elliot, in the doctoral program has been awarded a \$40,000 scholarship.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2014 at 4:00PM in BUS 239.