

University of Massachusetts Amherst
Graduate Council of the Faculty Senate
D. Anthony Butterfield, Chair
2004-2005

Minutes
Noon, Wednesday, March 9, 2005
Goodell 508

In attendance were Arthur Kinney, Uri Strauss, Martin Wobst, Carol Picard, Anne Moore, Jane Baran, Maurianne Adams, Juan Zamora, Tom Heydt-Benjamin, Jim Walker, Rama Janaswamy, James Craig, Linda Shea, Tony Butterfield, and Terry Porter

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Butterfield called the meeting to order at 12:05.

II. Approval of minutes of February 9, 2005, meeting

The minutes were approved without changes.

III. Comments by Graduate Dean

Dean Mullin was unable to attend the meeting. James Walker reserved his comments for the relevant agenda items.

IV. Old Business

There was no old business pending before the Council.

V. New Business

Program/Course Approvals from ASCC

1. Dual Degree Option for MBA/MS in Hospitality and Tourism Management, and MBA/MS in Sport Management

The Academic Standards and Curriculum Committee (ASCC) has reviewed and approved both proposals. Both feature a 20-22% reduction in courses while maintaining the core courses. There are 72 credits required in each program. The Council voted unanimously to approve both proposals. Jim Walker noted that, under new rules, a memo from the Graduate School must accompany the proposals as they are forwarded to the Faculty Senate. The memo should specify that the Graduate School has reviewed the proposals and is satisfied that the requirements for a dual degree have been met. This is in addition to the proposals' receiving Graduate Council approval. He will draft this memo in the case of these proposals.

2. BMATWT 530- Mechanics of Building Materials for Construction
BMATWT 540- Design of Wood Structures
(Note: BMATWT = Building Materials and Wood Technology)

Following recommendation from the ASCC, the Council voted unanimously to approve both courses.

3. Exercise Science 540- Changing Personal Health Behaviors

The Council also voted unanimously to approve this course following ASCC recommendation.

4. Exercise Science- Renumbering Courses and Changes to Undergraduate B.S. Program

The renumbering of courses in the Exercise Science program is a minor change, necessitated only for program continuity within the department. It was voted unanimously to approve these changes.

VI. Sub-Committee reports

A. Fellowship

The committee has rank-ordered all 72 nominations and made 24 awards to proposals in 21 departments, all to incoming students. The entire allotment of \$250,000 was used. Non-claimed awards will be returned to the committee and new awards will in turn be made to current students.

B. Ethics

Announcements for the April 15 Ethics Conference have gone out, and the committee will be reviewing proposal submissions shortly.

C. Mentoring

The committee will be meeting on March 24 to review proposals;

the Mentoring Symposium will take place on April 29.

D. Student Affairs

Anne Moore and Julie Meyers have met to discuss possible interests of the committee. They identified reopening the Graduate Student Lounge and running more social events for graduate students as priorities. 30 people attended the last coffeehouse, which was a good success. Another student member is needed on the committee.

E. Travel

No report.

F. ALANA

The committee needs a chair, and to this date has not met.

VII. Comments from Administrative Officers and Others

In response to a question from the floor, there is indeed an overlap between the Research Council and the Graduate Council. Chair Butterfield attends Research Council meetings, and the Research Council monitors budgetary matters and proposals from the Graduate Council carefully.

The meeting adjourned at 12:47.

Submitted by Terry Porter