

University of West Georgia
Graduate Programs Committee
MINUTES
1 December 2011

Members Present:

Susan Ashford

1. Minutes 10/27/2011
 - A) Any Changes, Additions, Modifications
Action: Approved

2. Meeting Times for 2012 GPC Meeting Dates 2012
Discussion of best times – it was decided to poll members to see which times and days work best for the majority. Susan to poll all members.

3. 2012 Goals for GPC

4. ITEMS
 - A) College of Social Sciences
 - 1) Criminology Department
 - a) Course: CRIM-6305 Critical Social Analysis
Request: Delete
Rationale: This course has become obsolete with the creation of an independent MA Criminology program. The course was created as a specialty for Sociology and currently does not help characterize a distinct crime and criminal justice studies curriculum. Also, generally speaking, critical social analysis is incorporated into most graduate criminology courses. The course was a better fit when criminology was a concentration within the MA Sociology program.
Action: Approved

 - b) Course: CRIM-6700 Social Protest, Movement, and Change
Request: Delete
Rationale: This course has also become obsolete with the creation of an independent MA Criminology program, was created as a specialty for Sociology, and does not fit within a distinct crime/criminal justice curriculum. Any criminal or criminal justice system aspects of social movements, protests, and change are likely to be covered in other courses in the criminology graduate curriculum.
Action: Approved

 - c) Course: CRIM-6015 Managing Data

Request: Modify

Rationale: This is intended to ensure that students are knowledgeable enough in statistics to begin a more intensive analysis-based course. Allowing students with insufficient backgrounds in statistics courses to enroll in the course will often set them up for failure.

Action: Approved

d) Course: CRIM-6623 Inequality in Society

Request: Modify

Rationale: This is an effort to update the course to tailor it to crime and criminal justice issues and thus make it a better fit within the MA Criminology program. New Title & Description: CRIM 6623: Crime and Social Inequality This course offers an examination of the relationships between social stratification, crime, and criminal justice. Explored will be the empirical and theoretical associations that race/ethnicity, sex/gender, social class, and other systems of inequality have with crime, victimization, and criminal justice system response.

Action: Approved

e) Program: Master of Arts with a Major in Criminology

Request: Modify

Rationale: With the dissolution of the Graduate College each college and graduate program has the prerogative of establishing its own foreign language requirement. The Criminology Department does not wish to have a foreign language requirement. Our current statistics requirement is adequate.

Action: Approved

f) Program: Master of Arts with a Major in Criminology

Request: Modify

Rationale: Managing Data is an advanced course that specifically prepares students to become data analysts, which many students will not choose to become. CRIM 6003: Applied Statistics in Criminology will replace 6015 as a core requirement. CRIM 6003 will provide students with a more broadly applicable knowledge of statistics.

Action: Approved

g) Program: Master of Arts with a Major in Criminology

Request: Modify

Rationale: CRIM 6003: Applied Statistics in Criminology provides students with a more broadly applicable knowledge of statistics compared to the current required statistics course--6015: Managing Data. Managing Data is an advanced course that specifically prepares students to become data analysts, which many students will not choose to become. (6015: Managing Data will be removed as a requirement but retained as an elective.)

Action: Approved

2) Psychology Department

a) Program: Master of Arts with Major in Psychology

Request: Modify

Rationale: Given the college wide requirement is no longer in place; the Department will examine a cross-cultural requirement for the future, but is no longer instituting the general language requirement.

Action: Approved

b) Program: Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Psychology: Consciousness and Society

Request: Modify

Rationale: The program has never had a language requirement nor was one approved by Board of Regents. Most Psychology programs do not have language requirement.

Action: Unnecessary request since they do not have a language requirement to start with.

B) College of Arts and Humanities

1) English and Philosophy Department

a) Course: ENGL-5170 Studies in African American Literature

Request: Modify

Rationale: ENGL 5170, "Studies in African American Literature" parallels other variable topics courses in the English Curriculum (e.g. ENGL 5180, Studies in Regional Literature, or ENGL 5185, Studies in Literature by Women).

Action: Approved

2) Music Department

a) Program: Master of Music with a Major in Performance

Request: Modify

Rationale: See MM performance documents

Action: Approved

b) Program: Master of Music with a Major in Music Teacher Education

Request: Modify

Rationale: See MM Music Ed documents

Action: Approved

C) College of Education

1) Educational Innovation

a) Course: MEDT-7477 Technology for Media Services

Request: Modify

Rationale: The first two cycles of the course have been completed and the prerequisites have proven to be unnecessary for enrollment in the course. The department requests the removal of the prerequisites: MEDT 6401 or equivalent; MEDT 7461.

Action: Approved

b) Course: MEDT-7478 Automating School Media Center

Request: Modify

Rationale: The first two cycles of the course have been completed and the prerequisites have proven to be unnecessary for enrollment in the course. The department requests the removal of the prerequisites: MEDT 6463 or equivalent; MEDT 7477.

Action: Approved

2) Leadership and Applied Instruction

a) Program: Master of Education with a Major in Middle Grade Education

Request: Deactivate

Rationale: Due to low enrollment, the program is not financially sustainable. These students will be encouraged to do a Master in Secondary Education degree. This program will remain inactive until the market demand supports candidates seeking this degree.

Action: Approved

A) OLD BUSINESS Ad-Hoc Committees

a) New GRE Requirement's - Josh Master's

Report: None

b) Report on progress with SACs principles

Report: Some have submitted work on SACs principle; Susan to forward all to Jon Anderson; Anna Obedkova is helpful if you need to get direction.

c) Update on Revision of Graduate Faculty Handbook (pp. 72 – 81) - Myrna Gantner

Report: No discussions today

4. MEETINGS:

A) Next GPC meeting: January 26, 2012, 9:00 – 11:00am; Ed. Annex; Room 167

B) Next Senate meeting: December 9, 2011 – 2pm Senate Executive meeting; 3pm Senate meeting

5. ADJOURN 10:00AM

FYI

SENATE Meeting Dates 2012 – Fridays @ 3:00 PM

Agenda Deadlines - One week prior to meeting dates

Jan 20

Feb 17

Mar 9 I will be out of town and will need someone to attend and present as needed

Apr 20

Jun 22

Jul 20