Graduate Council Minutes
February 26, 2014

Present: Anderson, Cruzan, Flower, Kinsella, Maier, Mildner, Perlmutter, Robinson, Scheller, Vandiver, Watanabe, Everett, Hanson, Holmes, Treece

Absent: Beasley, Harris, Mukhopadhyay, Padin, Schuler, Harmon

Guests: Bruce Gilley, Hatfield School of Government

Agenda

Minutes from February 12 meeting

Old Business

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
• MS in Systems Science – change to existing program; add coursework-only option

Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science
• CE 485/585 Environmental Cleanup and Restoration, 4 credits – new course

New Business

College of Urban and Public Affairs
• MPH in Health Management and Policy – change in existing program, change core course and total credit hours
• PhD in Public Affairs and Policy – change in existing program; revise core and specialization area courses
• Master of Public Policy – new program
• Graduate Certificate in Real Estate Development – change in existing program; change core and elective courses
• PhD in Urban Studies – change in existing program; add new specialization area
• PAP 508 Professional Development Plan, 3 credits – new course
• PAP 509 Public Policy Project, 3 credits – new course
• PAP 511 Introduction to Public Policy, 3 credits – new course
• PAP 412/512 Introduction to Policy Advocacy, 3 credits – new course
• PAP 413/513 Ethics and Public Policy, 4 credits – new course
• PAP 611 Theoretical Foundations of Governance, 3 credits – change title to Normative Foundations of Governance, change course description
• PAP 612 Governance, Social Change, and Rule of Law Systems, 3 credits – drop course
• PAP 613 Institutional Foundations of Governance, 3 credits – change title to Organization Theory and Behavior, change course description
• PAP 618 Political and Organizational Change, 3 credits – drop course
• PAP 619 Civic Capacity, 3 credits – drop course
• PAP 621 Comparative Political Institutions, 3 credits – new course
• PAP 643 Resolving International Conflicts, 4 credits – drop course
• PAP 657 Policy Topics in Advanced Political Economy, 4 credits – drop course
• PAP 690 Research Design for Politics and Policy, 4 credits – new course
• PAP 694 Analysis of the Impacts of Social and Management Practices on Ecosystem Services, 4 credits – drop course
• PS 415/515  Comparative Public Policy, 4 credits – new course
• PS 481/581  Democratic Theory, 4 credits – new course
• USP 611  America’s Changing Neighborhoods, 3 credits – drop course
• USP 612  Community, Planning, and Ethics, 3 credits – change course description, change credits to 4

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Minutes from February 12 GC meeting

It was moved (Anderson) and seconded (Flower) to approve the February 12 minutes as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

• MS in Systems Science – change to existing program; add coursework-only option

It was moved (Robinson) and seconded (Anderson) to approve this proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.

• CE 485/585  Environmental Cleanup and Restoration, 4 credits – new course

It was moved (Watanabe) and seconded (Kinsella) to approve this proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

• Master of Public Policy – new program and related courses

Maier provided an overview of the proposal; questions were identified for guest.

Gilley joined the meeting. He gave an overview of the proposal’s history going back to 2001 and its current iteration. He noted a distinctive feature of this proposal was a policy advocacy track; most MPP degrees focus on policy analysis (this degree does have an analysis track as well). He stated that with the PAP doctoral program the Hatfield School already has a policy focus, but not at the master’s level; he also noted strong support within the School for this proposal, especially within Political Science. Gilley also discussed collaboration with OSU and their support for this program.

Per discussion, the following changes were suggested to the MPP proposal and related courses.

• Most significantly, the EC 511 and EC 512 proposals, which are currently in the 2010-11 section of the wiki and listed as “withdrawn,” need to be reactivated as they are important courses in the Policy Analysis Track.
• The issue of number reuse for EC 511 needs to be addressed. EC 411/511 with a different course title was dropped in Fall 2013; a course number should be inactive for five years before being reused.
• Maier suggested the evidence of need in the proposal be strengthened. Gilley said he had information he could add about demand as well as the growing range of employers looking for these graduates. It was also suggested that the excess demand at OSU and their support be emphasized.
• Slash courses should be removed from the proposal (e.g., PAP 412/512 should simply be listed as 512).
• PS 515 should be identified in the course grid as a new course.
• The proposal mentions moving in a more online direction and future interest in international students. The issue of international students only being able to take one online course per term was discussed. Gilley said they did not intend to focus on a more online direction and/or international students for some time but were aware of the issue.
Gilley was excused.

The MPP proposal and related course proposals will be held until the issues identified above have been addressed.

- PhD in Urban Studies – change in existing program; add new specialization area

  After discussion, it was moved (Anderson) and seconded (Flower) to approve this proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.

- MPH in Health Management and Policy – change in existing program, change core course and total credit hours

  It was moved (Kinsella) and seconded (Anderson) to approve this proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.

- PhD in Public Affairs and Policy – change in existing program; revise core and specialization area courses
- PAP 611 Theoretical Foundations of Governance, 3 credits – change title to Normative Foundations of Governance, change course description
- PAP 612 Governance, Social Change, and Rule of Law Systems, 3 credits – drop course
- PAP 613 Institutional Foundations of Governance, 3 credits – change title to Organization Theory and Behavior, change course description
- PAP 621 Comparative Political Institutions, 3 credits – new course
- PAP 690 Research Design for Politics and Policy, 4 credits – new course

There was considerable discussion as to whether PAP 613 was a change to existing course or should be submitted as a new course proposal. It was decided to allow it to proceed as a change to existing course, but that potential overlap with SBA must be addressed.

  It was moved (Mildner) and seconded (Anderson) to approve the program change and four related courses (PAP 611, 612, 621, and 690). The motion was approved unanimously.

Kinsella will follow up with SBA about overlap. The PAP program change and all five related courses will not be forwarded to Faculty Senate until PAP 613 has been approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.