Graduate Council Minutes
February 24, 2016

Present: Anderson, Blekic, Kinsella, McWilliams, Nicolaidis, Perlmutter, Robinson, Ruzicka, Schuler, Stevens, Watanabe, Woods, Harmon, Hanson, Treece

Absent: Beasley, Carr, Mildner, Everett, Holmes

Guest: Jason Jurjevich, Urban and Public Affairs
Cliff Allen, Business Administration

Agenda

Minutes from February 10 meeting

Old Business

Panel 2
College of Urban and Public Affairs
• CRTGR in Applied Social Demography - new program

New Business

Panel 1
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
• BI 438/538 Plant Chemical Biology, 3 credits - new course
• BI 440/540 Evolutionary Medicine, 3 credits - new course
• ESM 417/517 Applied Watershed Restoration, 4 credits - new course
• ESM 474/574 Fish Ecology and Conservation, 4 credits - new course
• BI 431/531 Recombinant DNA Techniques Laboratory, 2 credits - change course title to Advanced Molecular and Cell Biology Research Laboratory; change course description; change prereqs; change co-requisite
• ESM 570 Citizen Environmental Science, 4 credits - change course title to Methods for Informal Environmental Education

Panel 2
School of Business Administration
• MT in Taxation - change to existing program: reinstatement and change of degree requirements
• ACTG 525 Professional Accounting Research, 4 credits - change course title to Tax Research Documentation and Procedure; change prereqs
• ACTG 526 Accounting Methods and Periods, 4 credits - new course
• ACTG 527 Advanced Tax Topics, 4 credits - change course title to Corporate Taxation I; change course description; change prereqs
• ACTG 528 Corporate Taxation II, 4 credits - new course
• ACTG 530 Taxation of Property Transactions, 3 credits - change course description; change credit hours from 3 to 2; change prereqs
• ACTG 531 Partnership Taxation, 3 credits - change credit hours from 3 to 4
• ACTG 532 Corporation Reorganization and Liquidation, 3 credits - drop course
• ACTG 532 S Corporations Taxation, 2 credits - new course
• ACTG 533 Financial Accounting for Income Taxes, 4 credits - new course
• ACTG 535 State and Local Taxation, 3 credits - change course description; change credit hours from 3 to 4; change prereqs
• ACTG 536 International Taxation, 3 credits - change course description; change credit hours from 3 to 4; change prereqs
• ACTG 537 Tax Accounting Problems, 3 credits - drop course
• ACTG 537 Tax Accounting Capstone Consulting Project, 4 credits - new course
Panel 3
School of Business Administration
- MBA in Business Administration - change to existing program: major revision; reduction in total credits; elimination of electives
- ACTG 512 Managerial Accounting and Control, 2 credits - change course number to ACTG 513; change course description; change credit hours from 2 to 4
- BA 521 Leadership Development and Assessment, 2 credits - change course description; change co-requisite; change grading option
- BA 523 Executive Perspectives on Leadership, 1 credit - change grading option
- BA 524 Leadership Immersion, 1 credit - change prereqs
- BA 525 Capstone Consulting Project, 2-6 credits - change course description; change credit hours from 2-6 to 2 credits; change prereqs
- BA 527 MBA Domestic Business Experience, 4 credits - new course
- BA 528 MBA Culture Module, 1 credit - new course
- BA 529 Building Effective Teams, 1 credit - new course
- BA 530 Thought Leadership, 1 credit - new course
- FIN 511 Economics and Sustainability of the Firm I, 2 credits - change course number to FIN 516; change course title to Managerial Macroeconomics; change course description
- FIN 512 Economics and Sustainability of the Firm II, 4 credits - change course number to FIN 515; change course title to Economics and Sustainability of the Firm; change course description; change credit hours from 4 to 2; change prereqs
- FIN 513 Financial Management, 4 credits - change course description; change prereqs
- FIN 517 Corporate Governance, 2 credits - new course
- ISQA 519 Managerial Analytics, 4 credits - new course
- MGMT 516 Project Management, 2 credits - new course
- MGMT 517 Negotiations for Managers, 2 credits - new course
- MKTG 511 Pioneering Innovation, 4 credits - change course number to MKTG 513; change course description; change co-requisite
- MKTG 512 Marketing Strategy, 4 credits - change course description; change prereqs

Panel 4
College of Urban and Public Affairs
- PhD in Health Systems and Policy - change to existing program: change program prerequisites, research design and methods coursework
- PHE 626 Teaching Health, 1 credit - change course title to Teaching and Learning in Health Promotion and Social Work; change course description; change credit hours from 1 to 3 [cross-listed with SW 626]

School of Social Work
- SW 626 Teaching and Learning in Health Promotion and Social Work, 3 credits - new course [cross-listed with PHE 626]

Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science
- ECE 538/638 Statistical Signal Processing I: Nonparametric Estimation, 4 credits - change course prefix and number to EE 525; change course title to Statistical Signal Processing I: Spectral Estimation; change course description

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.
Minutes from February 10 meeting

It was moved (Perlmutter) and seconded (Schuler) to approve the February 10 minutes as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

College of Urban and Public Affairs

• CRTGR in Applied Social Demography - new program

Jurjevich joined the meeting and provided an overview of the program and its organizational structure. He said the program was created using all existing courses and was designed primarily for students in MURP, MPH, and Geography. It would be the only program of its kind in the state. He was asked about how the broad range of courses effect overall cohesion; he stated the program is interdisciplinary so by nature could have these challenges but allows students to specialize according to their interests. Jurjevich also noted that the program had recently been awarded a grant to adapt it to an online program. Kinsella noted that the evidence of need from the survey was not as strong as it might be and suggested the program have a response for this ready if the question comes up at Faculty Senate.

Jurjevich was excused.

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

As part of the discussion about the Applied Social Demography graduate certificate, there was a lengthy discussion about quality and best practices in online learning. It was agreed that this topic should be discussed more fully at a future meeting and to invite Sukhwant Jhaj as a guest.

There was a related discussion about courses and programs transitioning from in person to fully online. GC does not review proposals for this reason; there were questions as to whether it should. Harmon said that some institutions do require curricular approval for this change, but there were questions as to whether there is really a mechanism in Banner at the scheduling level to prevent this from happening without GC approval. This topic will also be revisited in the future.

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It was moved (Anderson) and seconded (Perlmutter) to approve these three proposals. The motion was approved unanimously.

• ESM 417/517 Applied Watershed Restoration, 4 credits - new course
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It was moved (Anderson) and seconded (Woods) to approve these two proposals. The motion was approved unanimously.

• ESM 570 Citizen Environmental Science, 4 credits - change course title to Methods for Informal Environmental Education

This proposal will be taken back to the unit for a rationale (section #4).

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• ACTG 539 Estate and Gift Taxation, 3 credits - change course title to Trust, Estate and Gift Taxation; change course description; change credit hours from 3 to 4; change prereqs
• ACTG 540 Practicum/Internship, 4 credits - new course
• ACTG 544 Professional Practices Seminar, 1 credit - new course

Woods gave an overview of this substantive program change. The program was defunct for several years; this major revision brings the curriculum up to date with current tax law and practices. Woods said overall the proposals were thorough and well done. Allen added that changes to CPA certification make this degree more attractive and that local employers have expressed interest in the program’s return.

It was moved (Woods) and seconded (Robinson) to approve the program proposal and all related courses. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Allen stated that the transition from 78 to 62 credits (by removing all the electives) was designed to make the program more attractive versus our competitors and to cut down on the attrition rate particularly among part-time students. Students who are looking for a career change and want a specialization area could easily add a graduate certificate, but those looking for career advancement would simply want the degree. Anderson said overall the proposals were well done and his panel’s few questions had been resolved.

*It was moved (Perlmutter) and seconded (Woods) to approve the program proposal and all related courses. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**College of Urban and Public Affairs**

• PhD in Health Systems and Policy - change to existing program: change program prerequisites, research design and methods coursework

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

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There were questions as to whether overlap with GSE should be addressed.

*It was moved (Ruzicka) and seconded (Anderson) to approve these two proposals. The motion was approved with 10 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.*

**Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science**

• ECE 538/638 Statistical Signal Processing I: Nonparametric Estimation, 4 credits - change course prefix and number to EE 525; change course title to Statistical Signal Processing I: Spectral Estimation; change course description

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

Kinsella raised an unscheduled discussion topic related to the School of Public Health. Three faculty from the Public Administration division will be transferring to the SPH and will take with them PAH courses related to the degrees that are transferring. However, some of these same courses are needed for the MPA: Health Administration degree that is not moving to the SPH. PA has asked if a “carbon copy” of these courses can be created (for continued use in PA) through an administrative process. After discussion, GC agreed to review one proposal for all the courses in question (not on any of our standard forms) with a rationale for such a change.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.