Graduate Affairs Committee Minutes

October 17, 2016

Members Present: Robert A. Vaughan, Jr. (Chair), Erin Nagel, Celeste Walley-Jean, Susan Copeland, Judith Ogden, Michael Dancs, Mark Watson, Victoria Foster, MeriBeth Stegall, Melanie Poudevigne, Thomas McIlwain, Craig Hill

Members Not Present: Andrea Allen, Josh Kitchens, Patricia Smith, Emily Harbert, Mari Roberts, Charles Elfer, Dennis Attick, Charlie Harris, Kelli Nipper

Guest: Barbara Goodman

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

The minutes from September 12, 2016 Graduate Affairs Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Copeland and approved by the Committee.

The committee reviewed the graduate faculty applications below:

 Kitty Deering (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full): motion to approve by Walley-Jean, seconded by McIlwain, approved by committee.

 Thomas Garsombke (E.D.D.), College of Business (Full): motion to approve by Ogden, seconded by Hill, approved by committee.

 Kamran Moghaddam (Ph.D.), College of Business (Full): motion to approve by Ogden, seconded by Hill, approved by committee.

Dr. Barbara Goodman discussed the minor changes made to the 4+1 English proposal. Although the proposal was approved at September 2016 Graduate Affairs meeting, subsequent review of the proposal by the Office of Financial Aid, Arts and Sciences curriculum committee and UCC minor changes were suggested. The minor changes are changing the name (combined Bachelor’s/Master’s degree program) and the sequencing of the courses offered. A motion to approve these changes was made by McIlwain, seconded by Foster, and approved by the committee.

Dr. Vaughan updated the committee on the S/U grade proposal. The requested change to allow “U” grades not to count in a student’s GPA was supported by the Dean’s and the Registrar. The new policy will be in effect fall 2017.

Dr. Vaughan updated the committee on the Cheating and Plagiarism policy. An institution is only allowed to have one process in regard to cheating and plagiarism. The current policy/process is updated in the catalog and is consistent with institutional policy.

Dr. Walley-Jean discussed potential revisions to the graduate faculty membership policy. It was decided a sub-committee would review the current policy and propose changes at a future meeting. Dr. Walley-Jean will chair the sub-committee. An email requesting volunteers to serve on this sub-committee will be sent to the entire committee.

Dr. Vaughan updated the committee on the name change for the new ESL course. The course will be called Pathways to Success. He also indicated degree programs could accept up to nine hours of transfer credit instead of six. The committee confirmed the Graduate Open house dates for 2017 were acceptable.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor