

**Graduate Council
October 27, 2014
226 University Hall
Meeting Minutes**

Graduate Council Members Present:

Roger Anderson, David Bowers, Prosper Boyaka, Anne Carey, Russell Fazio, Candace Feck, Amy Ferketich, Rob Greenbaum, Joanna Groden, Michael Lisa, Josh Coy

Graduate School Staff Present: Patrick Osmer, Scott Herness, Ann Salimbene, Kathleen Wallace, Susan Reeser (recorder)

Guest: Philip Ward

A. Approval of Minutes

- Professor Boyaka called the meeting to order and asked for a review of the minutes from the September 22, 2014, Graduate Council meeting. Professor Ferketich said that she was not interested in serving as chair of council as was mentioned in the minutes. She said she was pleased that Professor Boyaka had accepted the position. The minutes were then approved as amended.

B. Curriculum Committee Reports and Actions — Scott Herness

1. Associate Dean Herness reminded council about the September 22 discussion regarding the proposal to create a new Master of Sports Coaching and the numerous questions asked that required follow-up. He introduced Professor Philip Ward, Department of Human Sciences, who reiterated that the proposal is geared toward people who have been in coaching careers for two or more years in either educational or non-educational settings.

Professor Ward discussed the lengthy development of the degree proposal and the curriculum that students would be required to take. He confirmed that the Department of Athletics will not have any control over the curriculum and assured council that they are anticipating high enrollment. In regards to the wording stating that athletics will subsidize the new degree program if there isn't sufficient enrollment, Professor Ward said that the College of Education wouldn't support the new degree proposal without this wording. He said the goal of the degree is to create strong and successful leaders and stressed the importance of this opportunity.

Some council members expressed concern about money coming from the Department of Athletics, however, others pointed out that this isn't different from other corporate university affiliations; for example Coke beverage products. Professor Ward also addressed concerns for the need for ethics courses for working with children.

- Dean Herness said that the proposal still had a long and rigorous review process ahead including the Council on Academic Affairs (CAA), University Senate, Board of Trustees, and the Ohio Board of Regents' Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Studies (RACGS) before final approval. Council unanimously agreed to approve the proposal based on its academic merit.

- 2a. Dean Herness reported that the proposal to change the name *Master of Arts in Education* to the *Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning* better aligns the program with the new administrative structure in the College of Education and Human Ecology. (The Master of Arts in Education was not restructured during semester conversion). The proposal was approved by Graduate Council and will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.
- 2b. Dean Herness said that the proposal to revise the curriculum for the Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning contained only small curricular changes. It was unanimously approved by Graduate Council.
3. Dean Herness reported that the proposal to create the new degree program Master of Learning Technology is a completely online degree specialization on how to use technology to support learning in a wide variety of educational settings. The degree arises from the current educational technology specialization in the MA/PhD in Educational Studies. This specialization will be discontinued after approval of the degree. The proposal was approved by Graduate Council and will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further review.
4. Dean Herness reported that the proposal to create a Graduate Minor in Public Policy and Management and a Graduate Minor in Nonprofit Studies in the Glenn School of Public Affairs is an attempt by the school to offer a minor for students who wish to pursue another aspect of public policy without pursuing a second master's degree. Council felt that the number of credit hours for the minor seemed low; however, they are consistent with Graduate School guidelines. Council voted separately for each of the two minors. Both were unanimously approved and will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further review.

C. Business

1. Dean Osmer shared with council an informational piece titled Portfolio of Responsibilities showing the numerous activities and current strategic initiatives that the Graduate School is engaged in. Dean Osmer said that this information was requested by Academic Affairs and will be showcased on the OAA website for the many offices that come under the auspices of Academic Affairs. He asked council for their feedback on the list of activities.

D. Announcements – Dean Pat Osmer

1. Dean Osmer reported that Dr. Brent Iverson, dean of Undergraduate Studies at the University of Texas-Austin and former chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, has been invited to visit Ohio State on November 3-4 to take a look at the Environmental and Life Sciences Networks and IGP programs to help identify ways to get ready for the 2015 program review. Dr. Iverson will also be the speaker for the Molecular and Life Sciences seminar on November 4.
2. Dean Osmer reported that Executive Vice President and Provost Joe Steinmetz will speak about major new academic initiatives and his vision for graduate education at the Graduate School's Semester meeting on November 13 at 8:30 a.m. in the Blackwell Ballrooms B&C. He invited council to attend.

Professor Boyaka adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.