

**Graduate Council**  
**March 27, 2017**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Graduate Council Members Present:**

Kate Calder, Rob Greenbaum, Joseph Guada, Alan Hirvela, Marcus Kurtz, Scott Scheer, Jeffrey Walline, John Walters, Rama Yedavalli

**Graduate School Staff Present:** Scott Herness, Ann Salimbene, Susan Reeser (recorder)

**Guests:** Jennifer Schlueter

**A. Approval of Minutes**

- Professor Greenbaum called the meeting to order and asked for a review of the minutes from the February 27, 2017 Graduate Council meeting. The minutes were approved.

**B. Business**

1. Professor Greenbaum reminded Council that the Graduate School had made a request at the last meeting to revise the residency requirements for graduation. He said that the Graduate School routinely approves any petitions related to the policy and is recommending that provision 1 of the policy should remain in place and be listed as a separate policy in Section 7.2 of the *Graduate School Handbook*. Items 2 and 3 of the current policy would be considered as program guidelines only.
  - 1) a minimum of 24 graduate credit hours required for the Ph.D. must be completed at this university
  - 2) a minimum of two consecutive pre-candidacy semesters or one semester and a summer term with full-time enrollment must be completed while in residence at this university
  - 3) a minimum of six graduate credit hours over a period of at least two semesters or one semester and a summer term must be completed after admission to candidacy
- Professor Greenbaum called for a vote. The proposal to revise the residency requirements for graduation was unanimously approved and will be updated in the *Graduate School Handbook*. The policy will be announced at the upcoming semester meeting and in the next Graduate School newsletter.

**C. Announcements**

1. Dean Herness reported that the Campus Conversation on Graduate Education working groups held six faculty workshops, two for each of the three topics (Diversity & Inclusion, Funding Environment, Professional Development), from March 1-10 and received many insightful comments during the discussions. Individual departmental faculty conversations have also been taking place with those comments being included into the data collection. Six similar workshops have been scheduled from April 4-13, two for each of the three topics, for graduate program coordinators and for graduate students. Each group will meet separately. A one-day three-hour workshop has been scheduled for the Graduate School staff on April 14.

Comments from the workshop discussions will be used to form the survey questions that are being prepared by Professors Elizabeth Stasny (Statistics) and Tamara Davis (Social Work). The survey will be sent to all graduate faculty and to one half of the graduate students (selected randomly) in mid-April. Professors Davis and Stasny will oversee the assessment of the data collection.

Dean Herness said that a concluding summit will be held on May 3 to present the findings from the working group discussions and survey that will help determine the direction of graduate education at Ohio State. The concluding report will be compiled during summer semester by the Phase II Steering Committee.

#### **D. Combined Curriculum Subcommittee Reports and Actions**

1. Faculty Fellow Jennifer Schlueter gave an overview of the proposal from the College of Nursing to revise the Nursing Science specialty track of the M.S. in Nursing program. She said the proposed coursework changes meet the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials for master's education in nursing and strengthen the relevance of courses for post-baccalaureate Ph.D. students. The Nursing Science specialty track will no longer be offered as an option for applicants who seek a master's degree as a terminal degree. The redesigned Nursing Science specialty track will require a minimum of 29 nursing coursework credits plus an intermediate statistics course for an overall total of 32 credits.
  - Professor Greenbaum asked for a vote and the proposal was unanimously approved by Graduate Council. It will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.
2. Professor Schlueter explained the proposal to create a new Category 3 Graduate Professional Certificate program called "School Nurse Wellness Coordinator Certificate" and said that it was well-designed according to Graduate School guidelines and requires 13 credit hours. The certificate helps students develop new skills as leaders in promoting school wellness consistent with Ohio Standards and is based on the foundation of the Ohio Pupil Services Personnel School Nurse License. The program is a free-standing program and students need not be simultaneously enrolled in a master's or doctoral program.
  - Professor Greenbaum asked for a vote and the proposal was unanimously approved by Graduate Council. It will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.
3. Professor Schlueter reviewed the proposal to include two new graduate courses to the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Latina/o Studies. The two courses include Theatre 7899.04 Performance Studies and WGSS 8840 Topics in Narrative, Culture, and Representation. The courses are being added to help expand the range of course options which will in turn help recruit more students.
  - Professor Greenbaum asked for a vote and the proposal was unanimously approved by Graduate Council. It will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.
4. Professor Schlueter explained the proposal from the College of Public Health to make curricular changes to the Master of Public Health (MPH) and the Master of Science (MS) degree in Biomedical Informatics Specialization. The changes involve three course changes and the removal of three elective credits for the MS program. The proposal has been approved by the graduate studies committee in the College of Public Health.
  - Professor Greenbaum asked for a vote and the proposal was unanimously approved by Graduate Council. It will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.

5. Professor Schlueter explained the proposal from the Department of Educational Studies to revise the Doctor of Philosophy and History of Education Specialization in the Department of Educational Studies. The proposal removes the Educational Psychology course requirement, increases the research course requirements from 9 credit hours to 12 credit hours, and adds a seminar in Philosophy and History of Education to students' options enabling the program to provide a more focused curriculum.
  - Professor Greenbaum asked for a vote and the proposal was unanimously approved by Graduate Council. It will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.
6. Professor Schlueter explained the proposal from the Department of Educational Studies to revise the Educational Psychology specialization in the Ph.D. program in Educational Studies. The proposal was approved by the College of Education and Human Ecology Curriculum Committee and includes the development of 4 advanced seminar courses with permanent course numbers assigned. The revisions are requested to better reflect the goals and objectives of the program, to allow for improved course sequencing and scheduling and enrollment management, and to capitalize on current faculty expertise.
  - Professor Greenbaum asked for a vote and the proposal was unanimously approved by Graduate Council. It will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.
7. Professor Schlueter explained the proposal from the Department of Educational Studies to change the Educational Policy specialization in the Ph.D. and M.A. in Educational Studies. The changes to these programs are being requested to update both programs. For the doctoral program, the research core has been improved, three courses have been removed, one course title has been updated, and several course prefixes have been updated. For the master's program, one course has been removed, and the course prefixes for several courses have been updated.
  - Professor Greenbaum asked for a vote and the proposal was unanimously approved by Graduate Council. It will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.

#### **E. Other**

1. Dean Herness reported that there is a backlog of curriculum items to be reviewed over the next several months. He said that they will be sent to Council for an e-mail vote so that they can continue being moved through the review process.
2. Dean Herness reported that the Graduate School Semester meeting is scheduled for March 28 in the Blackwell and invited Council to attend. The agenda will include the recently approved policy changes for video conferencing and the newly approved residency requirement for graduation. Assistant Vice Provost Gifty Ako-Adounvo from the Office of International Affairs will speak about the services that OIA provide to international students and the effect of the Executive Order.
3. In response to an inquiry, Dean Herness confirmed that international applications at Ohio State for autumn semester 2017 are down at the master's level from this same time as last year.

Professor Greenbaum adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.