

Graduate Council

Minutes

03/30/06

Present: Joyce Centofanti, Tracey Robinson, Mary Valerio, and Teri McCartney

Advise

- **President's Honor Society** – Problems due to
 - Only counselor ed students are eligible (45 hour requirement)
 - Students confused when they don't get to stand at graduation, wear cords, etc.
 - Not all students who were eligible received letters of invitation
 - **Grad Council advised to leave graduate students out of this and come up with our own awards system, not based on GPA necessarily**
- **Admissions Packet**
 - The Graduate School would like to go “techy” and use a CD rather than catalogs, pamphlets, FAFSA booklets, etc.
 - Would save on costs
 - Students need to be able to use technology anyway
 - Many schools moving to this format
 - Allows us to update more quickly
 - **Grad Council advised the Graduate School to go ahead with this project.**
- **AS&F**
 - AS&F is voting on an amendment to their Constitution that would allow a graduate student representative
 - Our plan last year was to have a G.A. be the representative to AS&F as part of his/her job; the position would rotate among departments
 - **Grad Council okayed the plan as is; if the amendment passes, Teri will notify the Council**
- **Program Jumping**
 - Dr. Medina suggested that the Grad School create a form regarding “program jumping”
 - The form would let departments know that a student had been in another M.A. program at ASC

- The form is strictly informational but will indicate if the student left the other department in good standing
- **Grad Council okayed the creation of this form; when completed, the Grad School will run it by department chairs for feedback**

New Business

- **Approved Summer Cohorts**
 - Durango – LLC – READ ELA
 - Pueblo 70 – LLC – READ ELA
 - Alamosa Master's Plus (doesn't need approval; just information)
 - Steamboat Springs – Curriculum – Extended Studies
- **Approved Fall Cohorts**
 - Pueblo – Counseling
 - Durango – Counseling
 - Haxton – Ed Leadership – Extended Studies

Old Business

- **Program Review**
 - Counselor Ed sent it's revised Program Review; still typos, etc.
 - Teri will ask them to clean it up and then send to Grad Council
- **Graduate Assistantships**
 - Time to begin the process for next year's G.A.s
 - The process is that applications are sent to departments; departments select their G.A.s and notify Karie; Karie sends potential G.A. letter accepting or declining the offer; if student accepts, a contract is generated
 - So far, we have not received many applications; will send out emails reminded accepted students that G.A.s are available.
- **Summer Survey**
 - Teri disseminated results from the Graduate Student Satisfaction Survey from 2005.
 - Results were positive overall except for Housing (not clean) and Food Court (hours)
 - Teri has met with Ken who will meet with Housing and Food Court
 - Teri met with Chris Olance about computer labs; Chris has developed a plan to deal with lab staffing
 - Grad Council will send any other concerns to Teri

- Teri will update the Summer Survival Guide for this year

Course Approval

- Teacher Ed's Professional Mentoring Skills syllabus was approved

Departmental Updates

- **Teacher Ed**
 - Department is having a problem with the Tech Apps course and assignment of credit hours with the new rule (1 credit hours = 12.5 clock hours)
 - Considering two or three ways to deal with it
 - Delete it from degree plan; will cost the institution in tuition
 - Do some of the content as an orientation to program and infuse technology throughout the curriculum
 - Keep as is and make .5 credit or beef it up and make it 1.0 credit
 - No decision has been made
- **HPE**
 - Dr. Ed Crowther is interim department chair
 - Currently working on building up curriculum
 - Tracey asked that the Grad Council look at their curricular changes at our April meeting
 - Tracey asked that any information out of the Grad School (e.g., GA applications, announcements, etc.) be sent to both her and Dr. Crowther
- **Art**
 - The Art Program is considering a change to a 36 or 38 credit hour program.
 - This would bring it in line with other MA in Art programs
 - Department will decide how soon they want to move on this
- **Counselor Ed**
 - With Theresa in Nebraska, there was no official report
 - Teri did mention that they are looking to fill two positions and that the Singapore program is in "limbo".

Housekeeping

- Our next meeting will be April 20 at 4:00 pm in the Thomas Jefferson Room, ES Bldg.
- Teri asked members to consider one date they could meet over the summer.

