

Graduate Council
Minutes
09/11/06

Present: Gene Schilling, Tracey Robinson, Mary Valerio, and Teri McCartney
Absent: Don Basse

Art Program Changes

- Gene reviewed the proposed degree plan.
 - The current plan is 42 hours with a 6 hour minor concentration, 12 hour major concentration, and 6 hours of electives.
 - The proposed degree plan is 36 hours with a 9 credit hour major concentration and 9 credit hours of electives; the minor has been deleted.
 - The core courses remain the same.
 - The rationale is that this aligns ASC's MA in Art program with other art programs in the state and region, all of which are under 40 hours.
 - The department also feels this will attract more students, particularly art educators who take courses in summer
- The council accepted the degree plan change as proposed.
- The change will take effect in print for spring semester 2007, but current students who have just begun can be "grandfathered" in.
- One more potential change is in the way the thesis credit hours are delivered
 - Gene will get back to Council about this before going to print
 - Council approved the new degree plan whether the thesis is broken into 3 and 3 or remains at 6 but will need final copy when department decides

HPPE Program Changes

- Tracey reviewed the proposed changes in department name
 - The suggested name is Human Performance and Physical Education
 - Will eliminate confusion about HPE and EPLS
 - Better describes what the program does
 - The Council accepted the name change as proposed
- Tracey reviewed the proposed degree plan
 - The proposed degree plan maintains the current core while creating three equal emphases; exercise science, sports administration, and coaching
 - The emphases in exercise science and sports administration as proposed align with best practices in those areas; previously the degree was somewhat generic
 - The number of credit hours remains the same
 - The council accepted the degree plan as proposed
 - The council was enthusiastic about the academic strength of the degree plan and extended its encouragement and support in what the department is accomplishing
- Tracey reviewed the proposed new courses created to cover the emphasis areas
 - The council approved the proposed new courses with minor changes (typos, format, etc.)

- HPPE 504, 520, 523, 525, 527, 539, 540, 545, and 590
 - The council approved existing courses with the HPPE prefix
 - HPPE 503, 511, 529, 530, 536, 538, 543, 580, 585, 591, 593
- The council discussed the online delivery of coaching emphasis and supported this concept so long as residencies are part of the delivery method.

Catalog/ Banner Changes

- Teri handed out Banner catalog copy for review
 - Each department should look at course descriptions, co-requisites, and pre-requisites before the next meeting
 - Please make any changes on the handout and return to Teri
 - There were problems with registration due to pre-req and co-req issues
 - If we don't need them, let's get rid of them
 - If we do need them, let's follow guidelines

Handbook Issues

- Teri handed out copies of the current ASC Student Handbook and asked the department representatives to review
 - Look specifically for anything that directly contradicts department handbook
 - Also look for places where department directives would overrule the ASC Student Handbook
- We will review handbook issues at our third meeting
- According to Nancy Wahl, ASC's attorney from the AG's office, we need to be sure each graduate student receives a copy of this along with departmental handbooks

Future Meetings

- Items brought up for discussion at future meetings
 - Standardized binding for theses
 - Consistent grading scales in graduate programs
 - Continuous enrollment policy
 - Admissions GPA; last 60 hours only
 - Program jumping form; admission application
 - Walking at graduation when not finished
 - Double degrees, especially in TED
 - Review committee (of peers of professionals)
- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 25, in ES 222 at 4:00 pm