University Board of Graduate Studies
Thursday, December 6, 2018, 2:30-4:00 p.m.
Raynor, Lower Level, Conference Room D

Minutes

Present: Kati Berg (chair), Ed Blumenthal, Drew Dentino, Marilyn Frenn (Senate liaison), John Grych, Kim Halula (secretary), John LaDisa, Margaret Nettlesheim-Hoffman, Farrokh Nourzad, Michael O’Hear

Present, non-voting: Carrianne Hayslett, Sebastian Luft, Carrie Pruhs, Chris Shaw, Jenny Staab (note taker), Theresa Tobin, Carl Wainscott

Not present: Sharon Chubbuck (vice chair), Doug Woods

I. Call to order. At 2:31 p.m. by Dr. Berg.

II. Approval of minutes. November 1, 2018, minutes were approved electronically by a majority of the Board.

III. Report. - Kati Berg
Dr. Berg has asked the University Academic Senate (UAS) for an extension of time for checking the section on UBGS in the UAS statutes. So far, no one from UBGS has suggested any changes or expressed concerns.

IV. Business.

A. Termination of all Philosophy PhD specializations (9). - Sebastian Luft
   1. Ancient Philosophy
   2. British Empiricism/Analytical Philosophy
   3. Christian Philosophy
   4. Early Modern European Philosophy
   5. Ethics
   6. German Philosophy
   7. Medieval Philosophy
   8. Phenomenology-Existentialism

Dr. Luft explained that the Philosophy Department has been wanting to do this for a long time for three reasons:

- Other PhD programs do not list specializations.
- The specializations are not representative of current faculty.
- The specializations are not representative of job opportunities.

The department had emailed its graduate students currently in specializations to ask them if they would mind if these specializations were removed. All the students were fine with the change, especially since there are no particular courses associated with each specialization.

Motion: To approve the termination of all nine specializations in the Philosophy PhD program.
Made by Marilyn Frenn, seconded by John Grych. No further discussion.
Motion carried: unanimous - 8 in favor.
(Two more voting members joined the meeting after this vote.)
B. New program proposal: Dual Primary Care and Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner certificate (PEDD-CER). - Chris Shaw

Post-master's certificates are very common. There are only 15 universities in the country that offer one in Dual Primary Care and Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, and Marquette would be the only one in the area. The College of Nursing has about 200 students graduating from the direct entry master’s program, and many of them have expressed interest in this dual certificate. Offering this program would encourage these students to return to the university. Upon successful completion of the program, students would be certified as dual practitioners.

**Motion:** To approve the new program proposal for a Dual Primary Care and Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner certificate (PEDD-CER).

Made by Marilyn Frenn, seconded by Farrokh Nourzad. No further discussion.

**Motion carried:** unanimous - 10 in favor.

C. Discussion about allowing emeritus faculty to chair dissertations. - Carl Wainscott

In May 2017, the UBGS approved a policy clarification to allow emeritus faculty to serve on dissertation committees. Now the question has come up whether they can serve as chairs of these committees.

Points in favor included:
- It would be helpful if some of the faculty who’ll be retiring soon could serve as committee chairs.
- The emeritus faculty may still be engaged in research and interested in the student.

Concerns included:
- If a student takes eight years, e.g., to finish a dissertation, that’s a long time to have someone in emeritus status continuing in the chair role.
- If chairs are not full-time faculty, the obligation to fulfill their duty would not be there. We would be relying on their good graces, and it could be a liability.
- It seems it would be rare to have to reach out to an emeritus professor.

Mr. Wainscott suggested revising the language of the policy to express that emeritus faculty may serve as committee members or co-chairs, but not as stand-alone chairs.

The proposed policy language will be brought to the next UBGS meeting for a vote.

D. Discussion about allowing Accelerated Degree Programs (ADPs) for PhDs and the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). - Carl Wainscott

ADPs are approved as accelerated bachelor’s/master’s programs. They allow for double counting of credits towards an undergraduate and graduate degree. Marquette already has some ADPs for professional programs—Doctor of Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant, Juris Doctorate Pre-law Scholars—so there are precedents. There don’t appear to be precedents here or in other colleges for PhD programs.

Concerns expressed included:
- Doctoral classes may be too challenging for undergraduates.
- Doctoral classes may risk being watered down if offered to undergraduates.
- For some disciplines this may work, but not for others.
- If ADPs are offered for doctoral degrees in some programs, e.g. in nursing, it could put pressure on other programs to offer them too.
The College of Nursing is hoping to include ADPs in their graduate degrees and shared graduate degrees with Business. Reasons include:

- There is a shortage of PhD-prepared nurses.
- Highly qualified undergraduates could be helped to begin graduate studies sooner if graduate courses taken as undergraduates were allowed to count towards a graduate degree.
- Undergraduate students have been successful in graduate courses.
- Similar programs have been successful at the University of Pennsylvania and UW-Madison nursing programs.

Students would head on to a PhD without getting a master’s. Seniors in nursing have electives and could potentially take four master’s courses as a bridge towards their PhD.

The group, while not leaning towards allowing ADPs for PhD programs in general, saw that it could be beneficial for Nursing. Dr. Frenn expressed the hope that without globally changing the ADP policy, it could be made flexible enough to maximize nursing students’ best interests. Mr. Wainscott will follow up with Dr. Frenn, and UBGS will revisit this item.

E. Election of new UBGS chair.

Dr. Berg recently took on the role of acting associate dean of research, so this is her last UBGS meeting. Therefore, someone will need to take over as chair starting with the January 2019 meeting.

Dr. O’Hear nominated Dr. Chubbuck, who currently serves as the vice-chair. Dr. Berg agreed to reach out to Dr. Chubbuck about taking over as chair starting in January. If Dr. Chubbuck agrees, the committee will need to elect a new vice chair.

V. Adjourn. Dr. Berg adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Scheduled meetings for 2018-19 Academic Year

Thursdays, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., in Raynor Library Lower Level, Conference Rm C.

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