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GRADUATE COUNCIL
MAY 28, 2007, 2:00 P.M.
GILMOUR HALL 111

PRESENT: Dean F.L. Hall, Ms. S. Abughannam, Dean D. Capson, Dr. L. Chan, Ms. K. Espiritu, Dean L. Finsten, Dr. C. Ingram, Dr. B. Kaczynski, Dr. W. Lewchuk, Dr. T. Marlin, Dr. G. Moyal, Dr. R. O'Brien, Dr. D. Pawluch, Dr. S. Porter, Dean C. Richards, Mr. J. Scime (Secretary), Dr. P. Swett, Dr. J. Tiessen, Mr. J. Trzeciak, Dr. D. Wright, Mrs. M. Espiritu (Assistant Secretary)

BY INVITATION: Dr. J. Gillett, Dr. A. Sévigny

REGRETS: Mr. L. Ariano, Dean P. Bates, Dr. M. Boda, Dean S. Crosta, Dr. G. Bone, Mr. L. McLeod, Dr. P. Solomon, Dr. R. Viveros-Aguilera, Dr. M. Waddington

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I. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of April 24, 2007 were not available.

II. BUSINESS ARISING

Department of Anthropology

Dean Finsten recalled that at its April 24 meeting, Graduate Council did not approve the recommendation of the Department of Anthropology to reduce the course requirements for its M.A. with comprehensive and the new M.A. (coursework plus major research paper) programs. The discussion at that meeting focused on the rationale for a five-half course load in both programs. The department's rationale indicated that the proposal would be similar to the course requirement for the M.A. in Globalization. Unfortunately, the course requirement for the M.A. in Globalization is six half courses. Graduate Council asked the department to review and provide an additional rationale for the proposal. The department has now decided to withdraw its proposal to change the course requirement for both programs, and to seek Graduate Council approval for its new M.A. program with coursework and major research paper.

Dean Finsten moved, and Dean Capson seconded,

"that Graduate Council approve the new M.A. in Anthropology with course work and major research paper."

The motion was **carried**.

III. NEW FIELDS IN EXISTING GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Dean Hall referred to the memo, which he intends to send to Senate and UPC, recommending fewer internal University approvals for new fields within a graduate program. Dean Hall briefly

discussed the current procedures for approving new fields. He explained that approval of new fields have to come from the Department concerned, Faculty Deans (for resource implications), Faculty Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committees (for curriculum and calendar changes), as well as Faculty and Graduate Council. Dean Hall recommended that seeking approval from the University Planning Committee and Senate is no longer necessary. There were no comments from the members regarding Dean Hall's recommendation. Dean Hall then asked the Council for permission to inform UPC and Senate that Graduate Council is endorsing his recommendation. There was no objection from the Council.

IV. REPORT FROM THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES GRADUATE POLICY AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

1) Calendar Copy: Nursing Graduate Program

Dean Richards reviewed the changes to the calendar copy for the Nursing Graduate Program. The first change is the identification of the five new fields within the M.Sc. and Ph.D. programs: (a) Health of Populations; (b) Wellness and Healing across the Lifespan; (c) Health Services & Policy; (d) Nursing Leadership & Practice; and (e) Nursing Education. OCGS has already approved the new fields. The second change is the addition of the description for the Master of Nursing (Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner).

Dean Richards moved, and Dr. Ingram seconded,

"that Graduate Council approve the calendar copy for the Nursing Graduate Program, as described in the document."

The motion was **carried**.

2) Calendar Copy: Graduate Diploma Program in Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner

Dean Richards discussed the calendar copy for the graduate diploma program in Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner.

Dean Richards moved, and Dr. Ingram seconded,

"that Graduate Council approve the calendar copy for the Graduate Diploma Program in Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner, as described in the document."

The motion was **carried**.

Dean Richards then briefly discussed for Graduate Council information the other graduate curriculum recommendations from the Faculty of Health Sciences.

V. M.Sc./Ph.D. IN COGNITIVE SCIENCE OF LANGUAGE

Dean Hall invited Dr. Sévigny to speak about the proposed M.Sc./Ph.D. in Cognitive Science of Language. The proposal is a multidisciplinary program and will involve the Faculties of Science, Humanities, and Health Sciences. The proposal is modeled after the graduate programs offered by the Department of Psychology. Dr. Sévigny discussed the program's objectives, fields, admission and course requirements, list of courses, and the list of participating faculty members. There are four fields within the program: (1) Philosophical and Formal Foundation of Cognitive Science and Linguistics; (2) Computational Linguistics, Digital Media & Cognition; (3) Psycholinguistics and Neurolinguistics; and (4) Clinical Linguistics & Sociolinguistics. Currently, Carleton is the only university that offers a graduate program in cognitive science.

Dean Finsten moved, and Dr. Kaczynski seconded,

"that Graduate Council approve the proposed M.Sc./Ph.D. in Cognitive Science of Language, as described in the document."

In response to a question, Dr. Sévigny explained that cognitive science is the scientific study of the mind and its processes—in particular, how the mind organizes information. A member commented that the proposed program seems to fall under the rubric of Psychology. Dr. Sévigny responded by pointing out that psychology is quite different in that it has its own set of unique experimental designs and queries. Dr. Sévigny also noted that graduates of this program will be qualified for academic appointment in a university, or able to engage in information and software technology in the private sector industry.

The motion was **carried**.

VI. M.A. IN HEALTH AND AGING

Dr. Gillett from the Department of Health, Aging, and Society presented an overview of the proposed program. He explained that the Master's degree may be earned either with a course work option (12-month duration) or thesis option (24-month duration). A student in the course work option will require completion of the equivalent of six graduate courses plus a major research paper. The thesis option requires students in the program to complete four courses plus a thesis. There are three fields in the program: (a) Socio-Cultural; (b) Systems, Services, and Policy; and (c) Global and International.

Dean Finsten moved, and Dr. Wright seconded,

"that Graduate Council approve the proposed M.A. program in Health and Aging."

One member commented that it is unclear in the description of the thesis option whether the student is allowed a second chance if he/she fails the defense the first time. The Council suggested adding a statement describing the procedure. Dr. Gillett explained that with the new program, he envisions a collaboration between the Faculties of Social Sciences and Health Sciences (e.g., sharing of courses, etc.) in the future. Mr. Trezciak said that the University

Libraries assessment indicates that the resources currently available through the Library may not be comprehensive enough to support the research/teaching needs of the program, and that the program requires additional library resources.

The motion was **carried**, subject to adding a statement regarding the thesis defense described above.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.