

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**November 9, 2009**  
**Minutes**

**PRESENT:** K. Klomprens (GS), S. Juengel (CAL), K. Renn (ED), J. Funk (CVM), M. Horodynski (CON), A. Lovgren (COGS), G. Burgett-Thrasher (MUS), A. Segall (ED), J. Lindquist (CAL), T. Jeitschko (CSS), E. Outslay (BUS), N. Jackson (CNS), D. Bronstein (CANR), V. Hoffman (CSS), J. Wang (CNS), S. Nicley (COGS), M. Choudhury (COGS), A. Ratkiewicz (COGS), C. Radcliffe (ENG), D. Solomon (CHM)

**GUESTS:** Gail Riegle (COM), Robert Caldwell (CSS), David Sprecher (CVM), Robbie Jean Steward (CEPSE – EDU), Michael Sedlak (EDU), Cass Book (EDU), Dick Prawat (CEPSE – EDU), Gary Troia (CEPSE – EDU)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 12, 2009 we approved.

**MINUTES** (KK – Greg Lang, not present), see agenda for other items 1, 2  
Comments from UGC Chair,

**AGENDA**

1. Approval of Agenda.
2. Approval of October 12, 2009 Minutes. (Attachment)
3. Comments from UGC chair.

Handouts from Ed Outslay

- a. PPT from UCAP and K. Wilcox on shaping our future.
- b. Klomprens information on good practices for working with graduate students.
- c. Shaping our future at MSU.edu – PPT from K. Wilcox and Board of Trustees.

4. Remarks from the Graduate School. (Klomprens)

Please let me know if there are questions the Graduate School can answer about changes and program closures.

5. Remarks from the COGS Representative.

Working on their demographic survey. Supportive of Olin move as long as primary care is not lost. Graduate Resource Center also underway in plans. COGS met with East Lansing Parking to look at parking north of campus.

6. Reports of the University Graduate Council Subcommittees.

**Curriculum and Program Review Committee** will send a letter out this week.

**Academic Research Policy Subcommittee** a review of the RIO is underway, with a discussion of the survey used last time.

**Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee**

7. \*Request to Change the Requirements for the **Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree**. APPROVED
8. \*Request to Change the Requirements for the **Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Chicano/Latino Studies**. ONLY THE “SSC” TO “CLS” CODE CHANGE. APPROVED
9. \*Request to Change the Admission Criteria for the Production Medicine Scholars Admission Pathway and the Requirements for the **Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree in Veterinary Medicine**. APPROVED
10. \*Request to Phase Out and Discontinue the **Master of Arts Degree in Counseling**. (DISCUSSED)

Motion approved to permit Robbie Steward to speak after the College of Education presentation on the discontinuation of the MA in Counseling.

M. Sedlak presented the COE rationale, data collection, consultation process and decision to request the phase out and discontinuation.

Not just one criterion was used for this decision:

- a. 11 other programs in MI (7 are accredited)
- b. Contracting field (K-12 budget)
- c. Evolved firm ‘school’ counseling to a broader field – agency and community settings.
- d. No research funding, although are opportunities bottom of COE list.
- e. Little connection to other programs in COE.
- f. No service courses.
- g. Costly – high faculty/student ratios needed for accreditation

Sixteen TS faculty positions needed to be eliminated to reach budget needs.

Not across-the-board, but rather investing in priority areas.

G. Troia added – Dean Ames made herself available to everyone – faculty and students to discuss the recommendations and data.

CAC has two (2) representatives from each department.

**Q:** How many faculty salaries are ‘saved’ by closure?

**A:** This is a full plan for the college – not just tied to this program. Have been shrinking this program over the years (closed PhD major six (6) years ago).

**Q:** K-12 trying to hire counselors who are also licensed as teachers. Who has programs that combine these?

**A:** Cass Book – some are done through certificates, but Michigan requires certification.

MSU placements of these students are not into K-12. They are not certified as teachers.

**Q:** Transfer programs to SSC/SSW or Psychology?

**A:** Could be transferred, but would need to budget it elsewhere.

**Q:** What is the research expectation for faculty?

**A:** Ten percent (10%) of the average of college \$/faculty. COE expects research from all faculty.

Not the same expectation based on availability, but expectation is to be “grant active”.

Robbie Steward, MA Counseling Director – This is an excellent program in her view.

- Accreditation is very strong (CACREP). Excellent outcomes, students are well monitored.
- Placement: shifted their focus to train K-12 and adults – community and agencies.
  - Community market is larger than K-12 now (for reasons discussed earlier – requirement for teacher certification).
- Forty-four (44) students is the average enrollment – pay tuition.
- Focus on diversity, research – they win awards.
- Land grant tradition

Please consider all of this in the decision-making.

No vote was needed.

Many data points used to decide. Just because research dollars are low – how does this balance with importance of good placement rates in this program?

If – faculty and students publish together, that is good, even if no money.

**Bigger Question, Philosophy** Cost of accredited programs in general – are these worth keeping across MSU? This always adds costs.

11. Roundtable

12. Adjournment.