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University Graduate Council
March 14, 2011, 3:00 p.m., 113 Linton Hall

AGENDA

Participants: A. Lovgren (COGS), Debra Harrison (CAL), R. Mukkamala (EGR), Joe Lonstein (Psych), D. Polischuh (MUS), Ed Outslay (BUS), Mike Lawrence (LAW), Dan Bronstein (CANR), Greg Lang (CANR), K. Renn (COE), P. Youngs (COE), John Goddeeris (Social Science), Julie Funk (CVM), John Wang (COM)

1. Approval of Agenda.
2. Approval of February 7, 2011 Minutes
3. Remarks from the Chairperson. (Funk)

A. Proctoring as amendment to code of Teaching Responsibility

Volunteer for a Task Force for the Proposal to Amend the Code of Teaching Responsibility and Integrity of Scholarships and Grades-Proctoring. (Refer to UCAP recommendation: need a volunteer from UGC---will need to be a returning member--first meeting in April---deadline for task force report--October/November 2011.)

No volunteers came forward at the meeting. Julie may solicit one.

B. Repeat Course Policy: Need comments to send to the Provost—see recommendation from UCAP)

In discussion, some concerns were expressed: whether a student's transcript will show that a course was retaken (consensus seemed to be that it should); does this policy advantage students who are financially better off?; will retakers sometimes take slots away from students taking a course for the first time? Increased difficulty of evaluating a student's record for graduate admission was not a great concern. In general there is support for changing the current policy. Julie will draft comments for the Provost.

C. ADP policy: Review of ADP policy recommendations from the subcommittee (Kris)

Committee examining MSU anti-discrimination policy is concerned with balancing free speech and anti-discrimination. Some recommendations include separating the investigation of claims of discrimination from decisions about claims, clarifying the rights of those investigated. There was interest from UGC in make a user's guide to anti-discrimination policy more readily available.

4. Remarks from the Graduate School. (Klomprens)

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Dean Stoddart substituted for Dean Klomparens. She announced that the first round of offers for university fellowships has gone out. Also some academic units have resubmitted data to the NRC and reports are being redone.

5. Remarks from the COGS Representative (Lovgren).

A decision has been made to stick with Aetna as the carrier for the student health insurance plan. Details of the graduate student plan are still being negotiated with the university, including the possibility of reducing the spouse rate to be the same as the student rate, which would require the child rate to go up. COGS wants students to be involved in the process before the RFP goes out to insurance carriers in the future.

COGS is willing to provide some funding for setting up Graduate Student Organizations in departments. COGS elections are coming up this week.

6. Reports of the University Graduate Council Subcommittees.

Curriculum and Program Review Committee (no report)

Academic Research Policy Subcommittee (no report)

Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee

*Recommendation to Provost for RA compensation 2011-2012

The subcommittee has not yet met

7. *Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Science** degree in **Human Development and Family Studies** in the Department and Family Studies. **Approved**
8. *Request to change the name of the **Master of Arts** degree in **Child Development** in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies from **Master of Arts** degree in **Child Development** to **Master of Science** degree in Child Development. **Approved**
9. *Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Laws Programs**, the **LL.M.** and **M.J.** in **Intellectual Property and Communications Law** in the Michigan State University College of Law. **Approved**
10. *Request to change the name of the **Master of Laws LL.M** degree in the **American Legal System** in the Michigan State University College of Law from **American Legal System** to **Foreign Educated Lawyers**. **Approved with suggestion that name be clarified (“For” Foreign Educated Lawyers rather than “In”)**
11. *Request to change the requirements for the **Juris Doctor** in the Michigan State University College of Law. **Approved**
12. *Request to Phase Out and Discontinue the **Master of Science** Degree in **Industrial Microbiology** in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics. **Approved**
13. *Request for a Moratorium on admission to the **Graduate Specialization in Security Management** in the **Department of Criminal Justice**. **Tabled, pending clarification of whether moratorium is the best option**
14. *Request to establish a **Dual Degree Program: Bachelor of Landscape Architecture in Landscape Architecture and Master of Arts Environmental Design**. **Approved**

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15. *Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Arts** degree in **Environmental Design** in the School of Planning, Design and Construction. **Approved**
16. Roundtable (**No items brought forward**)
17. Adjournment.