

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

200 Bricker Hall

July 25, 2011

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Faculty:

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| Dr. Leslie Alexander (History) | ✓Dr. Ashok Krishnamurthy (Engineering) |
| ✓Dr. Marilyn J. Blackwell (Germanic Languages and Literatures) | ✓Dr. Barbara Polivka (Nursing) |
| ✓Dr. James W. Cogdell (Mathematics) | ✓Dr. Robert J. Ward (Music) |
| Dr. John Fellingham (Business) | ✓Dr. John W. Wilkins (Physics) |
| ✓Dr. Jay S. Hobgood (Geography) | ✓Dr. Kay N. Wolf (Allied Medical Professions) |

Students:

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| ✓Mr. Niraj Antani (USG, Political Science) | Mr. Sean Fitzpatrick (USG, Political Science and Economics) |
| ✓Ms. Sarah K. Douglas (CGS, History) | ✓Ms. Sarah Lang (CGS, Education and Human Ecology) |

Administrators:

- ✓ Dr. W. Randy Smith, (Academic Affairs), Vice Chair

Guests:

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| Dr. David Andereck (Natural and Mathematical Sciences) | |
| Ms. Melinda Bogarty (African American and African Studies) | Dr. Kathleen Hallihan (John Glenn School of Public Affairs) |
| Ms. Andrea Bour (Office of the University Registrar) | Dr. Susan Hanson (English) |
| Dr. Ralph Bundschuh (Biophysics) | Dr. Lance Holbert (School of Communication) |
| Dr. Cynthia Carnes (Pharmacy) | Dr. Alan Kalish (University Center for the Advancement of Teaching) |
| Dr. Alexis Collier (Associate Provost) | Dr. Katherine Kelley (Pharmacy) |
| Dr. John Davidson (Film Studies) | Dr. Daniel McDonald (School of Communication) |
| Dr. Steve Fink (English) | |
| Dr. Daniel Gray (Theatre) | |
| Dr. Terry Gustafson (Arts and Sciences) | |

Dr. Gene Mumy (Social and Behavioral Sciences)
Dr. Darla Munroe (Geography)
Dr. Gerald Nelms (University Center for the Advancement of Teaching)
Dr. Ike Okafor-Newsum (African American and African Studies)
Dr. Deborah Smith-Shank (Art Education)

Dr. Fernando Unzueta (Spanish and Portuguese)
Dr. Bernadette Vankeerbergen (Arts and Sciences)
Dr. Sabra Webber (Comparative Studies)
Dr. Jennifer Willging (French and Italian)
Dr. Valarie Williams (Arts and Sciences)

The Council came to order at 2:00 PM.

SUBCOMMITTEE D – JIM COGDELL, JAY HOBGOOD, W. RANDY SMITH

Semester Proposals: College of Arts and Sciences: Division of Arts and Humanities

- **Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization (GIS) – Film Studies**

Hobgood presented the proposal. This existing program will convert 20 quarter credit hours to 12 semester credit hours. The same requirements under quarters are applicable under semesters: 9 credits from the Film Studies approved list, with at least 9 of those from outside the student's home department, 6 credits at the 7000 level, and a 3.4 GPA in the GIS coursework.

The transition plan includes courses at the 4000 level (English 4578, Film Studies H4670, French 4053, German H4670, History of Art 4015, 4901, Scandinavian 4550, Women's Studies 4527). These courses are typically taught in units outside Film Studies, and all of them provide graduate level instruction.

Hogbood moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Blackwell and carried with eleven in favor and one abstention.

- **Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization – Literacy Studies**

Hobgood presented the proposal. This program will be converting 23 quarter credit hours into 15 semester credit hours and will require for completion: 2 Tools Courses (Introduction to Graduate Study in Folklore 6750.01 6750.02); one Theory Course, one Topics Course and a fifth course from either Theory or Topics categories, or an Independent Study as approved by the GIS advisor.

Under the new semester calendar, students will have greater opportunities to write, submit and publish papers in the field. A list of suggested courses will be added to the current proposal, once the rest of the graduate courses are approved.

Hobgood moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Ward and carried with all in favor.

- **Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization – South Asian Studies**

Hobgood presented the proposal. This proposal is for a new GIS in South Asian Studies. The goal is for this program to start in Autumn 2011. This program will require 10 semester credit hours and a required summer capstone Gateway course. Students starting in Autumn 2011 are not required to take this course. It is expected that a low number of students will enroll in this GIS specialization within the first year. Individual advising will be provided to those students caught in transition, and special arrangements can be made with the advisor's approval for those students who would like to graduate with this specialization before the transition to the semester calendar will occur.

Hobgood moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Antani and carried with all in favor.

- **Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization – Fine Arts**

Hobgood presented the proposal. This program will convert to semester calendar with minimal changes from 17 quarter credit hours to 12 semester credit hours. Arts and Sciences 6750 – Multidisciplinary Seminar in Fine Arts will be a required course for this program and at least 3 courses have to be taken from outside of the student's home department.

Hobgood moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Lang and carried with all in favor.

- **Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization – Folklore**

Hobgood presented the proposal. This specialization program is being offered by the Center for Folklore Studies. The program has been in existence since 2007. It will convert to semesters with minimal changes, requiring 15 semester credit hours. The Tools Courses will be consolidated into two single courses: formerly, students had a choice of two entry courses and two ethnographic courses. Students are encouraged to take all four courses in folklore, but due to the interdisciplinary aspect of this program, courses from outside the unit can be counted toward completion. The entry course will provide both an overview of genres and an introductory history of the discipline; the methods course will provide both an introduction to fieldwork and a focus on the ethnography of communication as a core methodology for folklore studies. In addition, the Tool Course 6750.02 will not be substituted for another Quantitative Methods course.

Hobgood moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Wolf and carried with all in favor.

John Glenn School of Public Affairs

- **Quarter Proposal: Bachelor of Arts – Honors: Public Affairs**
- **Semester Proposal: Bachelor of Arts – Honors: Public Affairs**

Hobgood presented the proposals. The Honors program is targeted to start Autumn 2011. A straight semester conversion proposal is also submitted. The University Honors and Scholars also reviewed this program. All requirements for Honors programs will be maintained under quarters and under semesters: 3.4 GPA at the end of every year, 6 Honors courses in upper division or graduate level, and students must show progress toward completion of an Honors

approved program within the last two years of graduation. There is no thesis requirement for this particular program.

Currently, there is one Honors course (Business - Government Relationship); this will be directly converted in semesters. The plan is to introduce additional new Honors courses in the upcoming years. There are also few students who already completed Honors courses in their double majors, and plan to graduate before Summer 2012.

Hobgood moved approval of these proposals; the motion was seconded by Wolf and carried with all in favor.

SUBCOMMITTEE C – SARAH DOUGLAS, SEAN FITZPATRICK, JOHN FELLINGHAM, KAY WOLF

Semester Proposals: College of Arts and Sciences: division of Arts and Humanities

- **Bachelor of Arts – Medieval & Renaissance Studies**
- **Undergraduate Minor - Medieval & Renaissance Studies**

Wolf presented the proposals. These programs are administered by the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies (CMRS). Both programs will be converted to the semester calendar with minimal changes.

The BA degree will convert 55 quarter credit hours to 33 semester credit hours and 12 semester credit hours of pre-requisites. Three-course requirement in CMRS will be reduced to two-course requirements. The same requirements under quarters of two courses in a foreign language beyond 104 (1103 under semesters) remain, the senior seminar required under quarters (CMRS 600) remains under semesters (CMRS 5695), and the 25 credit hours of additional course work selected from a list of approved courses translates to 18 credit hours of additional course work under semesters. These courses could be taken from the list of Medieval and Renaissance courses or from the list of Affiliated Courses listed on the Advising Sheet.

The Center also worked with the Office of the Registrar to change its Program Code Designation from MEDIEVA to MEDREN. This change has already occurred with the Office of the University Registrar.

The undergraduate minor will convert 25 quarter credit hours into 15 semester credit hours. The same course requirement of 5 courses will be maintained under semesters and 9 semester credit hours should be taken at the 3000 level or above. This undergraduate minor has no prerequisites and the courses can be taken from different lists of: Medieval and Renaissance studies courses, Text-based courses, Civilization, and Art courses. Credit for individual study and workshop courses may not exceed three hours. Credits from seminars and special topics courses (Lecture Series offered by the CMRS) offered by affiliated departments may count toward the degree upon approval by the CMRS advisor.

Wolf moved approval of these proposals; the motion was seconded by Blackwell and carried with all in favor.

- **Bachelor of Arts – Portuguese**
- **Bachelor of Arts – Spanish**
- **Bachelor of Arts – Spanish – Honors**

Wolf presented the proposals. The courses in these BA degrees will be directly converted to the semester calendar.

The BA in Spanish will convert 50 quarter credit hours to 33 semester credit hours with 15 credit hours of prerequisite courses. The Department chooses to keep its four non-transcriptable tracks: Peninsular Literatures and Cultures (under semesters, the name of this specialization will change into Iberian), Latin American Literatures and Cultures, Hispanic Linguistics, and Hispanic Studies. All tracks have the same prerequisites (1101-1103, and 2202.01 or 2202.51--01 classroom and .51 individualized or self-paced study, and the Spanish Listening and Reading Proficiency Exam (SLRPE)). The prerequisite number of credits depends on the student's knowledge and proficiency in Spanish; therefore the sequence of courses 1101-1102 and 1103 can be substituted for 5501-5502. Each track will have:

- the same "Orientation Courses" required under semesters as they did under quarters,
- the same individual requirements with Iberian, Latin American, and Hispanic Linguistics
- and a list of Electives.

Hispanic Studies concentration has specific courses that are selected from various groupings and a Senior Seminar requirement.

The BA in Portuguese will also convert with minimal changes from 50 quarter credit hours to 30 semester credit hours with 6-12 credit hours in prerequisite courses. This BA does not have any individual specializations.

The BA in Spanish with Honors will also convert with minimal changes to the semester calendar maintaining its three specializations; Senior Seminar Requirement; and its "Immersion" Requirement (an approved Study Abroad or Spanish in Ohio experience).

Wolf moved approval of these proposals; the motion was seconded by Polivka and carried with all in favor.

- **Undergraduate Minor in Spanish**

Wolf presented the proposal. This minor was last revised and improved in 2006. The minor will change 20 quarter credit hours into 15 semester credit hours with minimal changes. The requirement for the "Orientation Courses" will be the same: Spanish 3401, 3403, and 3450, plus the selection of two courses from a list of categories (Iberian Literatures and Cultures, Latin American Literatures and Cultures, Hispanic Linguistics), and Electives. The prerequisite for this minor will remain the same under semesters, with 12 credit hours and the same proficiency through 1103.

Wolf moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Lang and carried with all in favor.

- **Undergraduate Minor - Portuguese**
- **Undergraduate Minor - Spanish for Business**
- **Undergraduate Minor - Latino Studies**
- **Undergraduate Minor - Andean & Amazonian Studies**
- **Undergraduate Minor - Spanish – Honors**

Wolf presented the proposals. The Undergraduate Minor in Spanish with Honors will directly convert 22 quarter credit hours to 15 semester credit hours. With the same requirements: Spanish 3401H, 3403H, and 3450H, plus the selection of two courses, one of which must carry

the “H” status from a selected list of categories: Iberian Literatures and Cultures, Latin American Literatures and Cultures, Hispanic Linguistics, and Additional Course Options. The Minor in Portuguese will convert with minimal changes - 20 quarter credit hours into 12 semester credit hours. The Minor in Spanish Business will convert from 23 quarter credits to 15 semester credit hours. The Minor in Andean and Amazonian Studies will also convert with minimal changes from 25 quarter credits to 15 semester credit hours beyond the 6 hours of prerequisite courses. The Elective list of courses for this minor will include courses from History.

The Minor in Latino Studies will convert 25 credit hours into 15 semester credit hours. Students can choose one of the three focus areas under this minor: Culture and Literature, History, or Social Issues. Comparative Studies 2322/Spanish 2242 is required of all three focus areas.

Wolf moved approval of these proposals; the motion was seconded by Blackwell and carried with all in favor.

- **Bachelor of Arts – Arabic**
- **Bachelor of Arts – Hebrew**

Wolf presented the proposals. The BA in Arabic was last revised in 2006. The undergraduate BA is changing with re-envisioned status from 55 quarter credit hours to 36 semester credit hours and 15 credit hours of prerequisite courses. The BA in Arabic is being brought in line with similar BA programs within the languages and is adding a pre-requisite culture course chosen from among three courses (Arabic 2241 Culture of the Contemporary Arab World, Arabic 2701 Classical and Medieval Arabic Literature in Translation, or Arabic 2702 Arabic Literature in Translation) to its pre-requisite requirement of 1101-1103. The requirement for the major program under quarters was 11 courses and under semesters will be 11 courses. The program has changed the grammar sequence from three 5 credit quarter hour courses to three 4 credit semester hour courses so that their students will continue to be competitive for graduate programs around the country. The changes in the grammar sequence, along with the added culture prerequisite courses are the major changes to the BA program.

The BA in Hebrew is changing from 45 credit hours to 32 semester credit hours with 15 credits of prerequisites. The BA in Hebrew is adding a pre-requisite culture course chosen from among three courses (Hebrew 2241 Culture of Contemporary Israel, Hebrew 2245 Israeli Film and Society, or Hebrew 2216 Medieval Jewish Experience) to its pre-requisite requirement of 1101-1103. The program will change the grammar sequence from two 5 credit quarter hour courses to two 4 credit semester hour courses, and under semesters will require that an additional three courses be taken in the language using only Hebrew texts. This requirement ensures that the students will continue to be competitive for graduate programs.

The extra requirements are not requested for students enrolled in these programs during transition, but the courses will be recommended. Bridge courses will be available for introductory language sequences. New content will be added to grammar courses.

Wolf moved approval of these proposals; the motion was seconded by Blackwell and carried with all in favor.

- **Bachelor of Arts – Islamic Studies**

Wolf presented the proposal. The quarter based degree of 60 credit hours with 20 credit hours of prerequisites will convert to 32 semester credit hours with 12 hours of prerequisites. This BA major is administered within the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures. The categories of the program will remain the same with the addition of a Religious Studies categorical requirement of 3 credit hours. The number of required courses in the major will be reduced by two, bringing it into line with the other two programs within the Department. This change in the number of courses required to complete the major and the added Religious Studies category requirement are the major changes of this degree.

Wolf moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Ward and carried with all in favor.

- **Undergraduate Minor - Arabic**
- **Undergraduate Minor - Hebrew**
- **Undergraduate Minor - Turkish**
- **Undergraduate Minor - Persian**

Wolf presented the proposals. The Minor in Arabic was last revised in 2006. 20 quarter credit hours will convert into 13 semester credit hours with 15 hours of prerequisites. The Minor in Arabic will add a prerequisite culture course chosen from among three courses (Arabic 2241 Culture of the Contemporary Arab World, Arabic 2701 Classical and Medieval Arabic Literature in Translation, or Arabic 2702 Arabic Literature in Translation) to its pre-requisite requirement of 1101-1103. The requirement for the minor program under quarters was 4 courses and under semesters will be 4 courses. However, the Department has provided choices for students who wish to either take the traditional Modern Standard Arabic sequence, or the Colloquial Arabic sequence, which will complement the International Studies BA minor requirements.

The Minor in Hebrew will convert 20 quarter credit hours into 14 semester credit hours with 15 hours of prerequisite courses. This minor is also adding a prerequisite course to its requirements. This additional required course can be chosen from the following courses: Hebrew 2241 Culture of Contemporary Israel, Hebrew 2245 Israeli Film and Society, or Hebrew 2216 Medieval Jewish Experience.

The Minor in Persian will require 15 semester credit hours and 15 hours of prerequisite courses. Additional courses added to the prerequisite courses can be chosen from: Persian 2241 Persian Culture, Persian 2301 Persian Mythology and Folklore, or Persian 2701 Persian Literature in Translation.

The Minor in Turkish will require 15 semester credit hours and 15 hours of prerequisites. The additional course added to the prerequisite courses is: Turkish 2241 Turkish Culture. Most of the culture and the literature courses are taught in English. Students enrolled in these minors during transition are not required to take the extra requirements but they are encouraged.

Wolf moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Krishnamurthy and carried with all in favor.

- **Bachelor of Arts – Jewish Studies**

Wolf presented the proposal. This BA major will convert from 50 quarter credit hours to 31 semester credit hours and 12 hours of prerequisites and will maintain its quarter requirements in four categories:

- Jewish Thought and Practice, 2 courses from the same selected list of 4 units;
- Hebrew Language and Literature, 2 courses beyond the 1103 pre-requisite from any Hebrew course taught in the language;
- Jewish History, 3 courses of the x330 series; and
- 3 courses from an Electives category.

The quarter prerequisite of Hebrew at the 1103 (104) proficiency level, and the exemption for students who have also completed Yiddish 1103 (104) proficiency to only take 2 courses from the Elective Category will be maintained under semesters. These last requirements will be added to the advising sheet.

Wolf moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Lang and carried with all in favor.

- **Undergraduate Minor in American Indian Studies**

Wolf presented the proposal. This minor will convert to the semester calendar with minimal changes from 20 quarter credit hours to 12 semester credit hours. There are no prerequisite courses required for this minor and 2 new courses will be included to the list: History 2071 and 3070H. Four courses will be required for completion. All courses can be taken from the field of American Indian Studies courses, or the fourth course can be chosen from an affiliated field with the approval of the coordinating advisor in DISCO.

Wolf moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Wilkins and carried with all in favor.

- **Master of Arts – African American and African Studies**
- **Graduate Minor in African American and African Studies**

Douglas presented these proposals. The MA degree will convert to the semester calendar with minimal changes from 60 quarter credit hours to 33 semester credit hours. The 3 required courses will be maintained:

- AAAS 7753: Graduate Survey in African American and African Studies;
- AAAS 7754: Methodological Perspectives in African American and African Studies;
- AAAS 7756: Theorizing Race and Ethnicity.

These courses are required for all areas of concentration: African American Studies, African Studies, or Comparative African Diaspora Studies. For completion students will also need to take 18 hours of course work in a focus area (Cultural Studies and Social Studies). At least one breadth courses will also be required from the other two non-concentration areas. The thesis (30 hours of course work and 6 of thesis preparation) and non-thesis (36 credit hours) options will also be available under semesters. Most of the courses will be directly converted and the transition should be straight forward.

The graduate minor will be converted with minimal changes from 20 quarter credit ours to 12 semester credit hours. The core courses 7756 will be retained under semesters, with the addition of 2 courses to the core: 7753 and 7754. In order to complete the minor, students then select one course from a list of elective. The faculty in the Department will work individually with each student to provide advising necessary to complete the minor.

A few minor typographical errors will be corrected to provide the correct count of credit hours on advising sheets for the MA program.

Douglas moved approval of these proposals; the motion was seconded by Polivka and carried with all in favor.

- **Doctor of Philosophy – Art Education**

Douglas presented the proposal. This PhD will convert to semesters with minimal changes from 120 quarter credit hours to 80 semester credit hours.

Requirements for this PhD are:

- 12 semester credit hours in 4 required courses;
- 5 research hours in the department at 7000 – 8000 level;
- 6 hours of theory concepts;
- 12 hours of specialization;
- 6 hours of elective courses;
- 3 hours of candidacy exam;
- 6 hours for dissertation; and
- a minimum of 24 graduate credit hours at the University.

All courses will be converted to the semester calendar and individual advising will be provided for an easy transition.

This Department is highly ranked among national programs and most graduates get employment opportunities immediately after completion of the program.

The “Credit Hour Explanation” table will be corrected to clearly reflect the number of credit hours required inside and outside the department; course 7891 Symposium Issues will be only a 3 credit hours course not 5 as listed on Council materials (page 8).

Reviewing this proposal, the Graduate School raised some concerns related to the option student have to choose courses from other departments subject only to credit hour limits and advising approval. The Graduate School believes that there should also be a Graduate Studies Committee working with advisors for this degree, to approve all students programs, in instances such as this, where there is considerable flexibility in curriculum choices made by the students. The advisors might know what is best for students in terms of field and topics, but they often do not know the Graduate School rules. The Department will inform all advisors about this issue, and progress will be made toward a deeper collaboration with Graduate Studies Committee.

Douglas moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Ward and carried with all in favor.

- **Master of Arts – Arts Policy and Administration**

Douglas presented the proposal. This MA will be converted with minimal changes from 72 quarter credit hours to 49 semester credit hours and represents a collaboration between the Department of Art Education and the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. Some 4 credit hour courses from John Glenn School of Public Affairs are used in this MA degree. In order to maintain the credit hour requirement, the Internship will be eliminated under semester. This requirement will apply to students starting Autumn 2012. In addition, also the minimum credit hour for elective courses will be reduced from 6 to 3 credit hours.

The Internship will be offered and strongly encouraged to students, but will no longer be required. Some courses will have a slightly different format, aligning work experience with the theoretical learning outcomes. Most students are already involved in various internships (including National Galleries), and they are aware of the benefits the internships will provide them regarding employment upon graduation.

The “Credit Hour Explanation” table will be corrected to clearly reflect the number of credit hours required in the department and outside the department. Other minor typographical errors will be corrected.

Douglas moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Blackwell and carried with all in favor.

- **Master of Arts - Italian**

Douglas presented the proposal. This MA degree will convert from 60 quarter credit hours to 36 semester credit hours. The same courses are required under semester calendar: 12 courses plus a teaching seminar. All MA students move through the courses as a cohort; therefore there should be no transition issues. The course list will be consolidated with the French course list in order to better consolidate the faculty resources. The Department of French and Italian plans to institute a PhD in Italian. In this case, the MA degree will need to be adjusted. Students will no longer be accepted into the MA degree, rather directly into PhD, and the MA degree could be awarded after completing the requirements at the end of two years.

The rationale statement on Council page 7 will be reedited to exclude the “cross-listed” courses and the reference to the PhD, as this degree has not been approved yet.

Douglas moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Ward and carried with all in favor.

- **Graduate Minor - Cinema and Video Production**

Douglas presented the proposal. This minor will convert to semesters with minimal changes from 20 quarter credit hours to 15 semester credit hours. Admission to this minor requires a letter of application, a graduate minor program form, and letter of support from the student’s faculty advisor to the Director of Graduate Studies of the Department of Theatre. The application is reviewed by the Department’s Curriculum and Instruction Committee. Admission preference will be given to those students who demonstrate a direct and clear benefit to their primary area of graduate work. Students currently enrolled in this minor are going to graduate by Summer 2012. Individual advising will be provided to students during the transition.

Douglas moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Krishnamurthy and carried with all in favor.

- **Master of Arts – Theatre**

Douglas presented the proposal. This MA will convert to semesters with minimal changes from 45 quarter credit hours to 32 semester credit hours. The MA program in History/Literature/Criticism offers a general foundation in theatre studies appropriate for some forms of teaching, for entering into a doctoral degree program, and for a professional career in theatre companies, entertainment media, government arts programs, or private arts institutions.

Two core seminars will be added to the core requirement of Theatre 801 (6701). Currently the five required courses must be a mix of 2-2-1; for example, two history courses, two literature courses and one criticism. All of this course work could be completed in one year. There is no stipulation on which literature, history or theory course the student takes, or which combination (i.e. 1-2-2 or 2-1-2). The first year of the program is theoretical; while the second year will combine theoretical work and thesis preparation. Some of the courses will be renamed and content will be rearranged to bring those courses in line with current practices in the field.

Council materials (page 7) will be reedited to reflect that only 2 core seminars are requested for completion of this MA degree.

Douglas moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Lang and carried with all in favor.

- **Doctor of Philosophy – History**

Blackwell suggested this proposal to be tabled until the next Council meeting; in hope that the Department of History will be represented by at least one person. The motion was seconded by Wilkins and carried with three in favor, six opposed and one abstention.

Douglas presented the proposal. This PhD degree will convert to the semester calendar with minimal changes from 75 quarter credit hours to 50 semester credit hours beyond the 30 credit hours for the MA degree. Previously the PhD in History allowed no coursework outside the unit to count toward the program; under semesters, the department is allowing 12 credit hours (equivalent of four 3 credit hour courses) outside the Department of History so that students may engage in interdisciplinary practices that will aid in their research and preparation for dissertation. History 7910 – Prospectus and Professional Development course will be added to the required courses, and students must take it prior to candidacy. The course will also review some of the skills introduced in History 7905 – Pedagogy and Professional Development.

Douglas moved approval of this proposal and the motion was seconded by Ward.

The “Credit Hour Explanation” chart will be reedited to reflect the exact number of credit hours required for the PhD after the completion of the MA degree. Council materials (page 35) has listed “minor” and “major” fields of courses in the advising sheet, but reference to these categories is not provided in the proposal. The Council would like to have a list of courses included in these categories and the number of credit hours requirements.

Because the Department of History was not aware of the content of questions raised by the Council, Wolf moved to table this proposal; the motion was seconded by Polivka and carried with all in favor.

- **Master of Science – Biophysics**
- **Doctor of Philosophy – Biophysics**

Douglas presented the proposal. This is an interdisciplinary program, and is housed in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students entering this program have a wide array of backgrounds

ranging from Biochemistry, Biology and Physiology to Bioengineering, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, and Computer Science.

The MS program will convert 45 quarter credit hours into 30 semester credit hours. The list of courses for this program includes only 2 courses in Biophysics: 6789 and 6795, the rest of the courses being offered by different units. Under semesters, 14 credit hours will be required in Foundation courses. These Foundation courses will be primarily taken in the first year of study. Due to the multitude of courses the students can choose to complete their degree, and the multitude of units involved, individual advising will be provided to students during and after transition.

The PhD program will convert 135 quarter credit hours to 90 semester credit hours. The Graduate School made some recommendations to crafters of this proposal: development of a set of core courses, inclusion of course names and numbers for each of the requirements in Council materials (page 5).

The Pre-contract requirements can be waived based on the student's background.

The program is divided into four training tracks: Structural Biophysics, Computation Biophysics, Cellular Biophysics, and Spectroscopy Imaging. Each track is taught by a different group of faculty.

Additional information was requested by Subcommittee C, regarding the defined time lines of the candidacy exam, thesis requirements, and time to degree. The total number of credit hours will be adjusted under semesters to reflect a minimum of 80 semester credit hours. These changes will be updated to the current proposals.

Douglas moved approval of these proposals with the above caveats; the motion was seconded by Krishnamurthy and carried with all in favor.

SUBCOMMITTEE D – JIM COGDELL, JAY HOBGOOD, W. RANDY SMITH

Semester Proposals: College of Pharmacy

- **Master of Science – Pharmacy Science**
- **Doctor of Philosophy – Pharmacy Science**

Hobgood presented the proposals. The MS degree will convert with minimal changes from 45 quarter credit hours to 30 semester credit hours. The name of this MS degree will be changed to Pharmacy Sciences. All six existing specializations will continue under semesters: Health System Pharmacy Administration, Translational Science, Pharmacology, Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical Administration, and Medical Chemistry. Most of the students pursuing a terminal MS degree are completing the Health System Pharmacy Administration specialization. One of the major changes of the program will be the combination of the 3 sequenced courses PHR 816, 817 and 825 into 2 semester courses PHR 8160 and 8170. Also, 2 research courses will be combined into one new course PHR 8180. In addition, the research and project courses PHR 970 and 993 will be combined into PHR 9993 (24 hours).

The PhD will be converted with minimal changes with the same requirement for a name change to Pharmaceutical Science. Except for the Health Systems Pharmacy Administration specialization existent in the MS degree, all the rest of the specializations (5) will exist in the PhD program too. Normally, students will be admitted directly into the PhD program, and the MS will be granted to those who complete the minimum requirements at the end of two years of study.

Hobgood moved approval of these proposals with the name change; the motion was seconded by Wolf and carried with all in favor.

SUBCOMMITTEE B – NIRAJ ANTANI, MARILYN BLACKWELL, BARBARA POLIVKA, ROBERT WARD

Semester Proposals: College of Arts and Sciences – Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences

- **Master of Arts – Geography**

Polivka presented the proposal. This degree will convert to semesters with minimal changes from 45 quarter credit hours to 30 semester credit hours. 2 quarter courses Geog 883.01 and 883.02 will convert to Geog 8102, also four names for seminar classes will be changed. The three existent sub plans will continue to exist under semesters: Environment and Society, Geographic Information Systems, and Urban Regional and Global Studies. The Analytical Cartography specialization will be dropped under semesters. There is no enrollment and the content of the courses will be included in numerical cartography, cartography, and related mapping courses. The Geographic Information Systems – Spatial Analysis specialization will require Stat 2450 – Introduction to Statistical Analysis as a prerequisite course.

Polivka moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Ward and carried with ten in favor and one abstention.

- **Doctor of Philosophy – Geography**

Polivka presented the proposal. This PhD will require 50 semester credit hours. Post master's (at least 30 semester credit hours), the requirements for this degree will be:

- Required courses – 6 hours;
- At least one Advanced course per year – 12 hours;
- One Optional course – 1 hour
- Independent study and Thesis courses – repeated until student reaches 50 post-master credit hours.

Changes will be made to the “Credit Hour Explanation” table and added to the proposal.

Polivka moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Blackwell and carried with ten in favor and one abstention.

- **Undergraduate Minor - Communication**
- **Undergraduate Minor - Communication Technology**
- **Undergraduate Minor - Organizational Communication**

Antani presented the proposals. These are all existing minors under the quarter calendar. The minors in Communication Technology and Organizational Communication will convert 20 quarter credit hours into 12 semester credit hours; and the minor in Communication will convert 25 quarter credit hours to 15 semester credit hours. Each individual minor has a set of 4, respectively 5, required courses.

Antani moved approval of these proposals; the motion was seconded by Wolf and carried with all in favor.

- **Bachelor of Arts - Journalism**

Antani presented the proposal. 85 quarter credit hours will be converted to 53 semester credit hours and the requirements will be:

- 4 credit hours of Research Methods courses;
- 19 credit hours of Core courses;
- 3 credit hours of Internship;
- 6 credit hours of Critical Thinking Skills courses,
- Minimum of 12 credit hours in a minor.

Antani moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Wolf and carried with all in favor.

- **Master of Arts – Communication**

Antani presented the proposal. This degree will convert to semesters with minimal changes, requiring 6 credit hours in Theory courses, 12 credit hours in Methods, 15 credit hours in Communication Elective courses, 3 credit hours in Additional Elective courses, and 12 credit hours in thesis preparation.

Antani moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Polivka and carried with all in favor.

- **Doctor of Philosophy – Communication**

Antani presented the proposal. The program will convert to semesters with minimal changes, requiring 85 semester credit hours. In the revised program it is anticipated that the candidacy exams will take place during the May session so that students may take their exams without the burden of GA assignments. The program places candidacy exam credit and a broader range of research activity credits under a single umbrella of Independent Study. The credit numbers for this course has been modified to 3. This change will be made to the proposal. The program has no specific specializations.

Reviewing this proposal, the Graduate School raised some concerns related to the option students have to choose courses from other departments, subject only to credit hour limits and advising approval. The Graduate School believes that there should also be a Graduate Studies Committee working with advisors in this degree, to approve all students programs, in instances such as this, where there is considerable flexibility in curriculum choices made by the students. The advisors might know what is best for students in terms of field and topics, but they often do not know the Graduate School rules. During the annual review of the advisors, it is ensured that they are knowledgeable of the Graduate School Rules.

Antani moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Douglas and carried with all in favor.

Semester Proposal: College of Engineering

- **Undergraduate Minor in Computational Science and Engineering**

Subcommittee B moved to table this proposal until answers to its questions are received from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. The motion was approved by acclamation.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith
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