



College Graduate Committee Minutes– February 14, 2019

Minutes: 2/14/2019– 3:15 – 5:00 321 Linton

Attendance: Danielle DeVoss, Safoi Babana-Hampton, Chet McLeskey, Shawn Loewen, Suzanne Wagner, Benjamin Lampe, Bill Hart-Davidson, Laura Borchgrevink, Jing-Min Lim, Ben Van Dyke, Amanda Lanier, Daniel Smith (Shannon Schweitzer sub), Justus Nieland, Lisa Schwartzman.
Guests: Debbie Richards, Gabriela Alfaraz.

Meeting started at 3:15 pm

1. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Additions to Agenda
2. Approval of 1/17/2019 Meeting Minutes – Danielle motioned, Suzanne seconded. Minutes unanimously approved.
3. Associate Dean's Announcements

Commencement Questions? Due date 3/4/19 for representatives.

- a. Welcome Debbie Richards to the CAL Grad Team
 - i. Requesting graduate line confirmation or changes based on what was sent out from the college
 - Confirmation of recurring and nonrecurring lines coming asap (early next week)
 - Units need to know this for making formal offer letters soon
 - a. Letters stating that the previous year's amount will be changing based on the GEU contract negotiations can be sent out
 - Please resend the CAL fellows document
- b. New SIS system approved for implementation (2 year timeline)
 - i. This means there will be no new changes in GradPlan or GradInfo until instituted (admissions > post-graduation)
- c. No CGC meeting in March
 - i. Proposals through the system might be sent out (pending – SPN program and courses, LLT course)
- d. Graduate Student Summer Residency Program – National Humanities Center
- e. New RCR (from ORA) module program – Can we have a trainer come?
- f. Questions:
 - i. How do we compete with offers from other institutions for 4 years of funding and a 5th fellowship year?
 - AAGA & DCF can be utilized (communicated to applicant) as a fellowship without a work assignment



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- CAL Scholars and CAL Fellows competitive inquiry

4. Discussion Items

- a. Ombudsperson update on climate surveys for graduate programs - Suzanne Wagner
 - i. Last semester created a climate survey for linguistics with Ombudsperson, and it was reopened in January for the students.
 - ii. Report: 27 responses (50/50 alumni and current students)
 - Qualitative responses were interesting and gave insight into resources
 - Quantitative responses being recalculated due to N/A error
 - Their office is eager to do another one of these while they have a GA in case any units would like to do so
- b. Chinese university degree verification procedure – does it present any problems?
 - i. Thomas Jeitschko asked this question since the units are now doing this instead of the graduate school
 - We anticipate problems, we need a clarified policy and understanding of what our resources are to address it
 - How many students might be affected (admitted)?
 - a. SLS: 2-4 per year
 - b. L&L: 4-6 per year
 - c. MAFLT: a couple (visa doesn't come into play)
 - d. AAHD: 1, but one of the two degrees is from U.S.
- c. Spring Budget process overview – are any of your departments likely to prioritize graduate education in Spring ask?
 - i. Philosophy: maintaining the program during [budget] cuts
 - ii. SLS: Grad program is one of the main priorities
 - iii. CAL: AAAS as a department (includes graduate)

5. Curricular Items – Presented by Gabriela Alfaraz

New program is being proposed to meet student needs when the current program was structured around previous faculty member(s). The current MA also did not tie directly into the PhD program that is offered.

- a. New Program: Spanish Linguistics MA
Danielle motioned to discuss, Lisa seconded.
 - i. Name change/replace current MA and requirements with core courses (previously two core focuses) and a few electives. PhD track option based on this MA might be Spanish Sociolinguistics.
 - ii. Recommended changes:
 - #15 - Correct title of MA under admissions requirements
 - #15 2. – Reword ROM 803 as a program requirements instead of an elective (can waive)?
 - a. Condition of the program(s) or a TAship?
- b. Courses:
 - i. SPN 802 – New course instead of offering as special topics
 - ii. SPN 804 – Change course towards the new program



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iii. SPN 811 – New course for Hispanic Linguistics at grad level

SPN curricular items are tabled based on requested changes and discussion in the department.

**Curricular requests can be viewed at <https://www.reg.msu.edu/forms/formsmenu.asp> "Academic Programs" and "Courses"*

6. Roundtable/Other Business
 - a. AAHD: exhibition season for us - 4 graduating MA students (recommended by Bill)
 - b. WRAC: Rough past few weeks, and the dept. did a "day of thanks" with therapy dogs, trail mix bar, massages, desserts and people interacted.
 - c. RCS: SPN/FRN faculty searches going on
 - d. ENG: Recruitment events next week (thanks to Danielle in WRAC for her shared documents) with 8 perspective students coming in; switching the format this year to 2 day lightening talk panels
 - e. Chet: RCR workshops continuing this semester (will be on C4I website soon)
 - f. SLS: When will AAGA announcements go out? Soon, the committee just met, and the college has 5 to give. He contacted CAPS (following Dr. Becker's presentation last meeting) did a 45 minute session with faculty, and an hour with students and they would recommended (offered food). Will have CAPS come at new orientations so it is mandatory.
 - g. MAFLT: Hiring for next fall for a 1 year FT position. CeLTA is about to put out a call for 3 GAs positions open to grads.

Meeting adjourned 4:58 pm.