

CGC Meeting

December 10, 2015

Present: Charlene Polio (LIN), Sue Gass (SLS), Malea Powell (WRAC), Lisa Schwartzman (PHL), Blake Williams (AAHD), Claudia Berrios-Campos (Student representative), Hima Rawal (Student representative), Blake Williams (AAHD), Rocio Quispe-Agnoli (RCS)

Approvals

Agenda was unanimously approved; Minutes approved with clarification to a. add Philosophy to linked BA/MA, and b. correction on Professor Schwartzman's name. Minutes were approved with Professor Gass abstaining (not present).

Information Items

- a. Reminder that University Fellowship applications are due to the College on January 12. Associate Dean Hart-Davidson reminded group that a good recommendation letter from a faculty member working with the applicant in that particular area is most key in whether a nomination is considered worthy of moving forward for final award consideration.
- b. Hart-Davidson announced that the March CGC meeting will be moved from March 10 to March 17, as the 10th is during Spring Break. Janet will contact the group later when a room is reserved.
- c. Update on AAAS status---Hart-Davidson announced that Dr. Glenn Chambers, History Department, will be the incoming new director in Spring semester, 2016. He also commented on the letter that President Simon sent to the University community regarding changes at AAAS, which will eventually include up to twenty GA lines. There was some discussion about where these GA lines go, how they might be decided within programs. Hart-Davidson noted that the strategic planning process put in place by Dean Long will help to decide this and other organizational questions.

Action Items

Program Change—Hispanic Cultural Studies Ph.D.—Professor Quispe-Agnoli shared with the group that this doctoral program has not been updated in several years. The changes will align the program as presented in the university's Academic Programs with what RCS is actually doing. Professor Gass pointed out that in Item #10, Staff Requirements, that some of the faculty rankings need to be updated. It was moved and seconded to approve with the minor changes; unanimously approved.

Course Change—SPN 810: The course title is being changed from "Literature of the Reconquest" to "Studies in Medieval Spanish Literature," which more accurately reflects the substance of the course, It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Discussion Items

- a. Top Recruit Funding Request Guidelines: Hart-Davidson led off that the suggested changes from last month have been incorporated. The request is that for any candidates being considered for this, that the units would give a week's notice to the college before informing the student, (so, a second letter), so the associate dean and his staff can work with the college fiscal officer to confirm funding. Gass asked if this was intended for students who have a competing offer, and the answer was yes, that was the intention. Some discussion ensued that often graduate directors don't know that a student has a competing offer until after the fact of declining admission. Hart-Davidson suggested that perhaps directors should have conversations with applicants regarding what their decision is hinging upon. Gass also asked if applicants were put up for the UDF/UEF, can they be considered for this; and the answer is yes, the applicants will all be ranked. Professor Powell suggested that units should self-rank their students as they send them in for consideration for university-level awards. Quispe-Agnoli asked if there was a deadline for submitting these proposals to the College. Hart-Davidson replied no, but again, please give the College a week's notice before contacting the students regarding financial offers for incoming students.
- b. English process for Research Enhancement Funds—Hart-Davidson asked Professor Aslami to elaborate the ways in which English had utilized these for this year. One of the things English did was use the funds as a “carrot” to reward students who are at the comprehensive exam stage, offering them \$2000 if they finish their dissertation prospectus by the end of their third year. Other things that was offered to students was: funding to take a foreign language, research funds for summer, etc. Quispe-Agnoli asked if these funds could be used for master's students, and the answer is yes.

Hart-Davidson said that the College has received four candidates for external funding awards; with another on the way.

Roundtable

Quispe-Agnoli asked if there were any funds for recruiting master's students. Most of the sources listed are for doctoral students. AAGA is one that Master's students can apply for. She asked if any of the recruiting initiatives could be used for MA students, and Hart-Davidson said yes. The new fellowships are aimed toward doctoral students. He said that is also up to the programs to decide where they want to put their emphasis; and that he wants to address the issue in future regarding funding master's students.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35.