MINUTES
West Virginia University Graduate Council Meeting
Thursday ~ March 17, 2016
Monongahela Room - Mountainlair

ATTENDEES

NEW BUSINESS AND AGENDA ITEMS

Review Minutes from the February 2016 Council Meeting

Motion was made to approve minutes without changes.

Motion approved.

Program Reviews:

I. Program Reviews

1. MS Agricultural & Resource Economics – A. Nimbarte, S. Urbanski
   a. Continuation of the program at the current level of activity with specific action. Submission of comprehensive assessment plan to the Associate Provost for Graduate Education by December 1, 2016.

2. MA Agricultural & Extension Education – A. Nimbarte, S. Urbanski
   a. Continuation of the program at the current level of activity with specific action. Submission of comprehensive assessment plan to the Associate Provost for Graduate Education by December 1, 2016.

3. MLA Landscape Architecture – M. Koay, G. Blakely
   a. Continuation of the program at the current level of activity without specific action.

4. MS Plant & Soil Sciences – M. Koay, G. Blakely
   a. Continuation of the program at the current level of activity with specific action. Submission of comprehensive assessment plan to the Associate Provost for Graduate Education by December 1, 2016.
5. PhD Genetics & Developmental Biology – E. Pena-Yewtukhiw, M. Sandrey
   a. Continuation of the program at the current level of activity with specific action. Submission of comprehensive assessment plan to the Associate Provost for Graduate Education by December 1, 2016.

6. PhD Reproductive Physiology – E. Pena-Yewtukhiw, M. Sandrey
   a. Continuation of the program at the current level of activity without specific action.

7. MS Design and Merchandising – G. Blakely, V. Mucino (Davis College failed to submit)

8. MSF Forestry – G. Blakely, V. Mucino
   a. Continuation of the program at the current level of activity without specific action.
      i. Program of Excellence – TBD (April Agenda Item)

9. PhD Forest Resources Science – M. Sandrey, S. Tu
   a. Continuation of the program at the current level of activity with specific action. Submission of how the program uses assessment data to improve program performance to the Associate Provost for Graduate Education by December 1, 2016.

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       i. Program of Excellence – No, does not meet criteria

11. MS Reproductive Physiology – S. Tu, S. Hayes
a. **Continuation of the program at the current level of activity with specific action. Submission of assessment data to the Associate Provost for Graduate Education by December 1, 2016**

12. PhD Agricultural Sciences – S. Tu, S. Hayes

   a. **Continuation of the program at the current level of activity with specific action. Submission of how the program uses assessment data to improve program performance to the Associate Provost for Graduate Education by December 1, 2016.**

13. MS Agriculture, Natural Resources & Design – V. Mucino, A. Nimbarte (Davis College failed to submit)

14. MS Animal & Nutritional Sciences – V. Mucino, A. Nimbarte (Davis College failed to submit)

15. MS Wildlife & Fisheries Resources – S. Hayes, S. Tu

   a. **Continuation of the program at the current level of activity without specific action.**

16. MS Genetics & Developmental Biology – S. Hayes, S. Tu

   a. **Continuation of the program at the current level of activity with specific action. Submission of comprehensive assessment plan to the Associate Provost for Graduate Education by December 1, 2016.**

17. MA Educational Psychology – S. Urbanski, D. Panaccione

   a. **Continuation of the program at the current level of activity without specific action.**

**New Degree Program Proposal**

**PhD in Health Services and Outcomes Research (Pharmacy)** - The Health Outcomes Research (HOR) PhD track in the Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences PhD program of the School of Pharmacy has been in existence for over 25 years. We are requesting to expand the title to Health Services and Outcomes Research (HSOR). The expanded title will better represent the field and is consistent with how the field is generally represented in most other universities. We clarify that the HSOR PhD is truly not a new program,
but re-purposes the existing HOR PhD track as an independent HSOR PhD program.

To provide context, we will describe the institutional history of the program as it currently exists. The HOR PhD track was initiated in the mid 1980's as a Behavioral and Administrative Pharmacy track in the Pharmaceutical Sciences PhD program. The first PhD student was admitted in 1989 and the first graduation was in 1994. In 1996, the department’s name was changed from Behavioral and Administrative Pharmacy to Pharmaceutical Systems and Policy and the PhD program track to HOR. This title change was made to reflect the core focus of the department, which examines the access, quality, outcome, and cost issues related to healthcare services and prescription drug use in West Virginia and in the nation.

- Graduate Council approved program proposal for the PhD in Health Services and Outcomes Research.

   Motion approved.

Intent to Plan – New Major

MSN Executive Focus, dual degree with MBA - The School of Nursing has offered a MSN Leadership focus in the past, but enrollment was quite low. We perceived (through conversations with nurse-leaders at Ruby and other areas) that students were opting to pursue the dual MSN/MBA programs offered elsewhere. After sending a survey to area nurses, we decided to propose the dual MSN/MBA major at WVU. The School of Business already has successful dual degrees with the schools of Pharmacy and Medicine, so we believe this will be successful as well. The MSN Executive Focus component of the dual degree incorporates much of the content previously in the MSN Leadership Focus, and the content will be complemented by the content within the MBA program. The MSN Executive Focus major meets all requirements of the "Essentials" of Master's Degree Programs required by our accrediting agency (CCNE. See attached for documentation of learning objectives and matching essential components.

   Motion was made to approval the proposal with minor edit suggestions from Council.

   Motion approved.

   Motion to adjourn meeting.

   Motion approved.