

MINUTES
Graduate Studies Committee
March 9, 2011

Present: Professors Bullaro, DeSimone, Georges, Kelly; Lebbon, Smith Gabig, Ms. Worth, Director of Graduate Studies; and guest Professor Terrence Cheng

- Prof. DeSimone called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.
- The committee approved the minutes from the meeting of February 9, 2011.
- In the absence of a quorum, the committee agreed to send the following proposals to the Senate for approval:

Department of Counseling, Leadership, Literacy and Special Education

- Changes to the MEd program in literacy studies
- Changes to the MEd program in adolescent special education
- Changes in course descriptions, prerequisites and/or corequisites for the following special education courses: EDS 712, 714, 716, 719, 715, 743 and 741

Department of English

- Changes to the MA degree in English
 - The following new courses: ENG 742, 750, 753, 756, 757, 759, 761 (originally ENG 730), 762, 763 and 764
 - Changes in course numbers, descriptions, prerequisites and/or corequisites for the following courses: ENG 700, 701, 702, 703, 705, 712, 713, 722, 731, 740, 748, 755, 760, 769, 770, 771, 773, 776, 782, 784, 785, 788, 790, 793 and 795
 - Withdrawal of the following courses: ENG 707, 724, 780, 787, 794 and 796
- The committee also approved the following informational item:

Department of English

- ENG 763 - experimental course
- The committee discussed the problem of departments adding new courses but not withdrawing obsolete courses. Often courses are not withdrawn, since faculty members are not sure if these courses may be needed in the future. Also, some students – who have been enrolled in a program for some time, may need one of these courses. The committee decided that we would do our best to encourage faculty to carefully examine course offerings and whether or not any courses are appropriate for withdrawal, when new courses are submitted.

- The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.
- The next meeting of the graduate studies committee is Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Carman, B33A.
- Let it be noted that although Dean Eldridge was not able to attend the meeting, she did provide Prof. DeSimone with constructive feedback and her vote on the proposals.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet R. DeSimone, Chair