University Curriculum Committee

Graduate Council

Minutes

Bulletin 1 Hearings

October 12, 2012

10:45 a.m. – Noon

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**Curriculum Committee Members present:** Shahid Hamid (BU), Chair, Joel Galand (CARTA), Vrushail Patil (AS), M.O. Thirunarayanan (ED), Nagarajan Prabakar (EG), Twila Mae Logan (SHTM), Carlos Suris (SJMC), Noah Weisbord (Law), Ava Iuliano (Library), Paulo Chaves (COM), Michelle Odai (CNHS), Quentin Felty (CPHSW)

**Graduate Council members present:** Adis Beesting (Library), Acting on behalf of Fred Blevens (SJMC), Chair, Winifred Newman (CARTA), Karlene Cousins (BU), Kyle Perkins for Liz Cramer (ED), Mary Tanke (SHTM), Rita Mukhopadhyay (COM), Dennis McCarthy (CNHS), Alok Deoraj (CPHSW), Svetlana Tyutina (GPSC, SGA), Lidia Kos, (Graduate School)

**Guests:** Alpesh Patel (CARTA), Daniel Guernsey (CARTA), DeEtta Mills (IFRI/Chemistry), Joerg Reinhold (Physics)

[New Graduate Track: Curatorial Practice](http://facultysenate.fiu.edu/bulletins/Bulletins12_13/b1/docs/h5.pdf)

Usually Curatorial tracks are housed within Art History, but since we do not have a MA in Art History, the track is being added to the existing MFA, although emphasis will be on the Practice aspect of the degree.

The motion to approve the new track in **Curatorial Practice - Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts** was moved and unanimously approved by the Graduate Council and the University Curriculum Committee with the following minor revisions:

* Change cover sheet to reflect that this should be a New Major and not a New Track.
* Include course number for ARH - Word< Idea>Image.
* Recommended that they submit forms for Studio Art as a Major.
* Submit changes to the Faculty Senate Office by Wednesday, October 17.

[New Graduate Degree Program: Professional Science Master’s in Forensic Science](http://facultysenate.fiu.edu/bulletins/Bulletins12_13/b1/docs/h6.pdf)

This proposal is essentially the same program that both groups approved in the past, but they were asked to re-submit as a Professional Science Master.

State of Florida provided funding for advertising of the program, so increased interest is expected.

Both UCF & UF have assured the Program Directors that they would accommodate the students into their courses.

Workshops are F2F in the summer to enable all the participants to participate in all the workshops. Workshops have already been developed and offered with letter grades assigned.

Overlap between programs- UF has a PSM, but they do not have the subject area experts for workshops that we have. UCF has no equivalent. Mutually beneficial exchange of expertise and this collaboration was further supported by the State. Existing web assisted courses will become fully online once co-hort is up and running.

Program Director will supervise the internship.

Budget proposed for 25 students. If that enrollment number isn’t met, there is some flexibility in the budget. If more students seek enrollment, then they can expand administrative personnel, but remain self-supporting.

The motion to approve the **Professional Science Master’s in Forensic Science** was moved and unanimously approved by the Graduate Council and the University Curriculum Committee with the following minor revision:

* Change Dept./Division on Program cover sheet from International Forensic Research Institute to the Chemistry Department.

[New Graduate Degree Program: PSM in Medical Physics](http://facultysenate.fiu.edu/bulletins/Bulletins12_13/b1/docs/h7.pdf)

This proposal is essentially the same program that both groups approved in the past. Resubmitting as stand alone program allowed the review of curriculum and the following changes:

Removed hard-core Physics courses that students don’t need and might restrict interested parties. 3 courses removed and added 3, 1 credit seminars.

The Seminar courses will allow special topics to be covered in the program that do not warrant an entire course.

All of the changes requested during the last review of this program have been successfully addressed by this proposal.

The motion to approve the **Professional Science Master’s in Medical Physics** was moved and unanimously approved by the Graduate Council and the University Curriculum Committee.

**Discussion item:**

Should online degree programs undergo review by the Curriculum Committee & Graduate Council?

In the past it was decided that they did not warrant additional review. A motion by the Senate recently has asked that we review whether there should be something in place that degrees offered fully online should go through the Committees’ review process.

While no specific concerns were raised, a general review may be required by the Graduate Council/Undergraduate Council as it does not fall within the charge of the Curriculum Committee.

Adjourned at Noon.

Respectfully submitted by Adis Beesting, Secretary, Graduate Council