UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

Graduate and Professional Studies Council

Minutes of
Regular Meeting September 4, 2012

A regular meeting of the University of Houston Graduate and Professional Studies Council convened at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 in the Social Work Building Conference Room, 110J.

I. Attendance

Members Present:
KiJoon Back, Dorothy Baker, Kevin Bassler, Roger Boltz, Anne Delcour, Barbara Evans, Shirley Ezell, Laura Frishman, Dietmar Froehlich, Deniz Gurkan, Stuart Hall (Ex Officio), Jacquie Hawkins, Catherine Horn, Paul Janicke, Michael Johnson, Suresh Khator, EunSook Kwon, Haluk Ogmen, Catherine Patterson, Jim Phillips, Paul Raffoul, Andrea Smesny, Karl Titz, Steve Werner, and Sheara Williams.

Members Absent:

Staff:
Alma Flores

II. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 12.01 p.m. by Karl Titz, Chair, GPSC.

III. Approval of the Minutes

- Minutes of the May 1, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

IV. Announcements/Information

- Welcome to new and continuing members
- Selection of Representatives to Academic Governance Committees
    - New members will be notified via email in regards to selection of committee; current members will continue their membership in the same committee; however they may request a change with notice.

V. Reports by Representatives to Academic Governance Committees

- Representative to Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Karl Titz
    - Committee will meet monthly and include university administrators
    - New MAPP workload policy is ready for implementation

- Representative to Teaching Excellence Committee, TBD
    - Request for member of GPSC to participate

- Representative to the Faculty Senate Research and Scholarship Committee, Randall Lee
    - Colleges have had insufficient funding for the DSTF

- Committee members will meet this Thursday to meet with administrators to discuss graduate enrollment for supported students over the summer.

- Representative to the Faculty Senate Graduate Policies Committee, Haluk Ogmen
  - Graduate and Professional Student Organization was established over the summer with sponsorship from the Division of Student Affairs
  - Major agenda items include economies of student credit hours as they reflect on students in traditional/non-traditional programs; minimum enrollment requirements at each level

VI. Report from Graduate and Professional Studies, Stuart Hall

- Enrollment report information as of September 3 was distributed to members.
  - Graduate Professional enrollment is currently 19.6% of the total student population.
  - While there is evidence in better quality of students, the enrollment is lower.
- Bacterial Meningitis requirement first fall semester of the expanded requirement; there have been no major reports of problems.
- Consolidated Tuition and Fees. There were two issues reported with regards to the consolidation of tuition/fees – the naming of fees for one college, and incorrect charges for certain students in another college. Both issues have been resolved.

VII. Standing Committee Reports **Incoming/Outgoing Chair**

- Academic Program Evaluation, Roger Boltz/Dorothy Baker
  - New:
    - **GPSC 7078 12F**: Proposal for Executive Master of Hospitality Management
    - **GPSC 7079 12F**: Proposal for Accelerated BS/MS Program Beijing Normal University and Department of Physics
    - **GPSC 7080 12F**: Proposal for Accelerated BS/MS East China University and Department of Chemistry
    - **GPSC 7081 12F**: Proposal for Accelerated BS/MS Jiangsu University and Department of Chemistry
    - **GPSC 7082 12F**: Proposal for Accelerated BS/MS Nanjing University and Department of Physics
    - **GPSC 7083 12F**: Proposal for Accelerated BS/MS East China University and Department of Mathematics
    - **GPSC 7084 12F**: Proposal for Accelerated BS/MS Degree Sun Yat-Sen University and Dept of Physics
    - **GPSC 7085 12F**: Proposal for Accelerated BS/MS Degree Nanjing University and Department of Chemistry
    - **GPSC 7086 12F**: Proposal for Professional Master of Athletic Training
  - Pending:
  - Approved:

- Course Evaluation and Review, Paul Raffoul/Paul Raffoul
  - New:

    - Pending:
    - Approved:

- Graduate Admissions and Student Affairs, Andrea Smesny/Jim Phillips
    - New:
    - Pending:
    - Approved:

- Graduate Policies, Cathy Patterson/Laura Frishman
    - New:
    - Pending:
    - Approved:

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. New Business

- GPSC Committee chairs briefly described activities of each committee.
- Discussion of ad hoc committee to evaluate GPSC and Faculty Senate Relationship
    - As a background, in 2010 Research Council voted for incorporation into Faculty Senate. Faculty Senate asked GPSC to be incorporated into Faculty Senate; however, at that time, GPSC voted against it.
    - Faculty Senate established Graduate Education and Policies Committee.
    - It was agreed by GPSC upon Dr. Titz' recommendation for establishing an ad hoc committee. GPSC members discussed various pros and cons and recommended issues for discussion by the soon-to-be chosen ad hoc committee. Members asked that the ad hoc committee discuss the pros and cons of such move, including the following:
        - duplication of efforts in both the Grad Education and Policies Committee and GPSC,
        - incorporating GPSC may enhance Faculty Senate as the representative of all faculty body and interests
        - GPSC may have better access to administration, and representation,
        - structural changes of GPSC if incorporated into Faculty Senate,
        - elected vs. appointed representatives.
        - GPSC already has representation in governance committees as well as access to administrative officers.

X. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 1.03 p.m.