

Graduate Council Meeting
January 24, 2008
Minutes -Draft

Present: Marina Budhos, Francis Cai, Dorthy Feola, Rochelle Kaplan, Robin Schwartz
Guests: Paula Danzinger, David Reid, Sandra DeYoung

1. Review of minutes from November 1, 2007.

The minutes were approved and a copy will be sent to the Senate.

2. Review of Program Proposals

a)Department of Educational Leadership and Professional Studies (change in program name) – *M.Ed in Education* to *M.Ed. in Curriculum and Learning* – Rochelle Kaplan noted that the change in name was for the purpose of removing the redundancy in the word *Education* in the program name. The proposal was approved and will be forwarded to the full Senate.

b)College of Science and Health and College of Education (new program) – *Science Endorsement Program* – Sandra DeYoung noted that this program was similar to the existing program for middle school mathematics teacher endorsement and serves a critical need for science specialists at the middle school level. The proposal was approved and will be forwarded to the full Senate.

c)Department of Professional Sales (new program)– *Executive Master of Science in Sales Leadership* – Dave Reid explained how this 30-credit 11-month master’s degree program works and how it serves a special need for sales executives who want to move up the career ladder. The proposal was approved and will be forwarded to the full Senate.

d)Department of Special Education and Counseling (change in program) – *M.Ed. in Counseling Services* – Paula Danzinger shared that the core curriculum course changes applied to both the school counselor track and to the agency counselor track. Only the agency counselor track will be increased to 60 credits while the school counselor track will remain at 48 credits. The new courses and new course content, as well as the increase in program credits are in response to anticipated changes in both state licensure requirements for counselors and in the program’s accreditation agency. The proposal was approved and will be forwarded to the full Senate.

3. Graduate Forum

The Council agreed to hold its annual Graduate Studies Forum on a Thursday in April during the common hour. The exact date will be determined after checking for other University events that may conflict.

The theme of this year's forum will be discussion of the overall vision, purpose, and vision of graduate studies at WPU in relation to the marketing approach that will be generated by the branding initiative. We need a catchy title to go with the theme.

4. Old Business

a) Follow-up on digitizing master's theses – no further progress since the materials were sent to the Graduate Council and to members of the Graduate Directors' Committee.

b) Status of new course and new program proposal forms – The Executive Committee has received the proposed form changes from both the Undergraduate Council and the Graduate Council. We will wait for feedback for further action.

c) Follow-up on review of graduate proposals in the Academic Plan – As of the time of this meeting, the Academic Plan was not yet available to faculty.

5. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 28th from 12:30-1:45 p.m. in the Atrium, room 126. The main purpose of the meeting is to plan the forum.

Submitted by
Rochelle Kaplan and Robin Schwartz