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Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Council

Minutes from the February 14, 2013 Meeting

In attendance: Kathleen Blee, Daniel Berkowitz, Stephen Carr, Emma Freeman, Margaret Judd, Susan Kalisz, Edouard Machery, Lauren Oldfield, Adam Shear, Nicholas Thorne

Not in attendance: Julia Bursten, Lillian Chong, Aisha Upton

1. CIDDE TA/TF training with Carol Washburn

Carol Washburn talked to the Council about the mission of CIDDE and how they used best practices in teaching to develop the workshops that they offer now, including the required workshops on academic integrity and dealing with difficult situations. Based on feedback collected from students, they offer Faculty Development workshops every term with practical content that students need for teaching. They recommend that students take the course the first semester that they are teaching. CIDDE also does customized workshops and offers advice for departments that have special needs.

Council members inquired about whether CIDDE offers services for international students, and whether they would consider spreading workshops out over two days or over two semesters (before and after they begin teaching). Carol Washburn said that there is a New Teaching Assistant Orientation for international students, but that they want to do more. She also stated that the surveys of students do not indicate a problem with the workshop format. She encouraged members to give feedback about ideas for extra sessions. Joel Brady will attend the TA/TF Mentors luncheon this spring to solicit recommendations from students.

2. Review of January minutes

Review of minutes from January 16, 2013. Minutes approved by Council as submitted.

3. French and Italian response to TA/TF training review report

The Council reviewed the report submitted by Renate Kosinski in response to the TA/TF training review report. Members agreed that the Associate Dean should encourage the department to share the report with their students, possibly through the DGS, to make the report most useful by opening up a conversation about the few points where there is a disparity between the perceptions of students and faculty.

4. Sample questions about practices in TA/TF training

Dean Blee asked the Council to email changes for the TA/TF training review questions for next year.

5. Placement survey

The pilot placement survey of students who graduated in 2009-2010 went out in January. The intention was to collect information about where students ended up beyond the one-year mark. The response rate has been good so far (62%). The Graduate Studies Office collected current email addresses for students so they can contact them in the future.

Susan Kalisz suggested that the process be designed so that advisors are informed when students complete the survey, and that they receive the data about their students.

Adam Shear inquired about the quality of the short-term data on first-year placement. Dean Blee explained that there are two sources of data—the survey of earned doctorates and the Pitt-wide survey conducted by the Provost's Office. The Provost's Office will continue to collect that data every year and it is possible that Graduate Studies will have access to it. Adam Shear suggested that we attempt to collect some of that data on first-year placement by adding a category to the survey if it does not complicate it too much.

Dean Carr agreed that it would also be helpful to let departments know in advance what data we would like for them to collect, and in what format.

6. Professional Socialization Workshop Series

There are two workshops set up for the spring to kick off the series. These will serve as a pilot for a bigger series that will start in the fall.

7. Graduate Assessment

A suggestion was made during the PBC meeting that the Graduate Office consider moving the graduate assessment to the fall. It is currently due in May when everything else is due, and it does not correspond as well to the graduate schedule as the undergraduate. Dean Blee requested feedback from the Council about whether it would be better to do the assessment in October.

Members were supportive of doing the assessment in October when everyone would be available to discuss it and tie it to planning for the coming year.

8. Anthropology TA/TF training review report

Adam Shear and Aisha Upton presented the TA/TF training review report on Anthropology to the Council. They highlighted a few areas that could be improved by the department, including clarification about the role of the DGS, the development of a clear feedback procedure for students, and earlier notification of teaching assignments for TAs. They were impressed by the culture of mutual support among the students and many faculty members.

Members agreed to send the report to Anthropology. The Department will send a short response that will be presented at the next meeting.

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Council

Minutes of the February 15, 2013 Meeting

In attendance: John Twynning (chair), Elizabeth Taylor (secretary), Rosemary Capo, Jude Hays, Adriana Helbig, Jeffrey Hildebrand, Cecile Sun, Anna Vainchtein, Rohith Palli, Pooja Patel, Nuwan Perera

Not attending: Sourav Bhattacharya, Janelle Greenberg, Hannah Johnson

1. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of February 1, 2013 were approved.

2. New Business

Dietrich School-UC reviewed and approved the overarching matrix for the Second Course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression General Education Requirement.

Dietrich School-UC reviewed and approved the overarching matrix for the Non-Western Culture General Education Requirement.

Dietrich School-UC reviewed and approved the overarching matrix for the Historical Change General Education Requirement.

Dietrich School-UC heard the report of the College Writing Board on the assessment of the Writing requirement, presented by Beth Matway, Chair of the College Writing Board.

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Council Meeting

Minutes from the February 22, 2013 Meeting

In Attendance: Dean N. John Cooper (Chair), Senior Associate Dean James Knapp, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research Kathleen Blee, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies John Twynning, Executive Director for Staff Personnel and Senior Assistant Dean Michele Colvard, Professors Daniel Balderston, Carol Colby, Kathleen DeWalt, Scott Morgenstern, Daniel Mossé, Mark Possanza, and Deane Root, and Graduate Student Representatives Woden Kusner and Dave Peterson

Not in Attendance: Professors Paul Glabicki, Joseph Grabowski, Brian Hanks, Stephen Manuck, and Luca Rigotti

1. Minutes of the meeting held on January 14, 2013

Dean Cooper presented the minutes of the meeting held on

January 14, 2013. The minutes were moved, seconded, and approved.

2. Dean's Report

The Dean reported on awards and achievements of faculty during the past year selected from amongst those that departments have informed him of:

- *Biological Sciences*
 - Professor Tia-Lynn Ashman has been selected for a 2013 Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award in the Senior Scholar category for her major contributions to the fields of ecology and evolutionary biology.
- *Chemistry*
 - Assistant Professor Jill Millstone has won an NSF CAREER Award.
 - Assistant Professor Haitao Liu received an AFOSR 2013 YIP Award and Invitation for the 2013 Aerospace Materials for Extreme Environments Program Review.
- *English*
 - Professor Toi Derricote was elected Chancellor of the Academy of American poetry and received the 2012 Paterson Award for Sustained Literary Achievement for "The Undertaker's Daughter."
 - Senior Lecturer Carl Kurlander was awarded Best Documentary at the San Luis Obispo Film Festival 2012 for "The Shot Felt Round the World."
- *Geology and Planetary Science*
 - Assistant Professor Emily Elliott has won an NSF CAREER Award.
- *German*
 - Associate Professor Clark S. Muenzer has been elected the President of the Goethe Society of North America (GSNA). He will serve a three-year term, from January 2013 until January, 2016.
- *History*
 - Associate Professor Laura Gotkowitz received the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Burkhardt Fellowship.
 - Distinguished Professor George Reid Andrews was awarded the Tibesar Prize by the Conference on Latin American History.
- *History of Art & Architecture*
 - Professor Kirk Savage has been selected for a 2013 Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award in the Senior Scholar category for his work on public monuments in the context of collective memory and identity.
 - Lecturer Gretchen Bender won the AMPCO-Pittsburgh Award for Excellence in Advising.

- Professor Kathy Linduff was the inaugural winner of the Sheth Distinguished Faculty Award for International Achievement.

- *Mathematics*
 - Distinguished University Professor Bard Ermentrout was elected to the 2012 SIAM Fellows Class.
- *Physics and Astronomy*
 - Faculty members in the Department of Physics and Astronomy contributed to four of Physics World Magazine's selections for Top Ten Physics Breakthroughs of 2012, including:
 - Discovery of the Higgs boson (ATLAS and CMS Collaborations at LHC): Joe Boudreau, Jim Mueller, Vittorio Paolone, Vladimir Savinov
 - Neutrino communication (MINERVA Collaboration): Steve Dytman, Donna Naples, Vittorio Paolone
 - Galaxy cluster velocities (ACT and BOSS Collaborations): Arthur Kosowsky
 - Majorana fermions in solids: Sergey Frolov
 - Assistant Professor Andrew Daley received an NSF CAREER Award.
- *Political Science*
 - Maurice Falk Professor of American Government B. Guy Peters received the Fred Riggs Award from the American Society of Public Administration for Lifetime Achievements in Comparative Public Administration.
- *Psychology*
 - Professors John Levine and Richard Moreland received the Lifetime Career Achievement Award from Interdisciplinary Network for Group Research (INGROUP) for work on small groups.

3. Update on the Budget and VERP

The Governor's budget proposal was presented on February 5, 2013. The proposal does not suggest budget reductions in higher education.

4. Report from Dietrich School Undergraduate Council

Associate Dean John Twynning reported that the Dietrich School Undergraduate Council has met twice since the last Dietrich School Council meeting. During the February 1 meeting, Undergraduate Council reviewed and approved proposals from the Department of Neuroscience and the Department of Biological Sciences to create a new Undergraduate Certificate in Life Sciences Research (pending PACUP approval); from the Department of History of Art and Architecture to create a new minor in Museum Studies (pending PACUP approval); and from the

Department of German to revise and rename their major to German Language and Cultural Studies (pending PACUP approval) and to create a new major in Interdisciplinary German Studies (pending PACUP approval). Two existing courses were also approved to fulfill General Education Requirements:

- *GER 1204 German for Social Scientists 2*
 - o Social Science
 - o Second Language
 - o Foreign Culture/International – Regional
- *WOMNST 1180 / ANTH 1716 Politics of Gender and Food*
 - o Foreign Culture/International – Global

On February 15, Undergraduate Council met again to review and approve the overarching matrices for the Second Course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression, the Non-Western Culture, and the Historical Change General Education Requirements. College Writing Board Chair Beth Matway reported on the Assessment of the Writing requirement.

5. Report from Dietrich School Graduate Council

Associate Dean Kathleen Blee stated that the Dietrich School Graduate Council met twice since the last Council meeting. At its January 16, 2013 meeting, the Graduate Council reviewed and accepted the report on TA/TF training in the Department of French and Italian. Graduate Council approved the development of professional videoconferencing room in Sennott Square for departments to use to conduct interviews and graduate committee meetings with an approved off-site member through long-distance audio and video carriers.

At its February 14, 2013 meeting, the Graduate Council reviewed and accepted the report on TA/TF training in the Department of Anthropology. Graduate Council made suggestions for using data from the pilot survey of 2009 Ph.D. placement and for revising the placement survey for future years. Graduate Council agreed to request that the due date for graduate assessment matrices be shifted from May to October each year to maximize faculty input into assessment and strengthen the connection between assessment and program planning.

6. Discussion Item: Petition regarding voting status of non-tenure stream faculty

Dean Cooper presented to the Council a faculty petition seeking to amend the Dietrich School Bylaws to specify Non-

Tenure Stream faculty as “persons included” in the Dietrich School. A lively discussion ensued, and all agreed that the group should return to the topic with additional information to be provided by the Deans.

7. Discussion: Open Access report and recommendation

The Dean introduced the Open Access report and draft new copyright policy to the Committee. After a discussion, he encouraged all to reflect on the material prior to an additional meeting to discuss the topic, possibly with ULS Director Rush Miller as a special guest and additional Chairs representing colleagues with varying publication traditions.

8. Other Business

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.