2020-2021 Committee for Graduate Education Agenda
October 9, 2020
3:00pm
Zoom

Committee members: Sandy Slater (Chair; History), Kate Keeney (Arts Management), Shawn Morrison (French, Francophone, and Italian Studies), Roxane DeLaurell (Accounting and Business Law), Brian Bossak (Health and Human Performance), Jennifer Fox (Chemistry and Biochemistry), Emily Rosko (English)

Ex-Officio: Jon Hakkila (Graduate School), Godfrey Gibbison (Graduate School), Robyn Olejniczak (Graduate School); Mark Del Mastro (Associate Provost), Divya Bhati (Institutional Effectiveness) and Mary Bergstrom (Registrar)

A. Call to Order
Sandy called the meeting to order at 3:02pm

B. Approval of September Minutes
Shawn moved to approve the meeting minutes. Kate seconded. All approved.

C. MFA in Creative Writing
   1. ENGL - 564 - MFA Workshop in Poetry
   2. ENGL - 565 - MFA Workshop in Fiction
   3. ENGL - 706 - Publishing Practicum
Sandy suggested that the committee vote on this proposals as a batch and asked for questions from the group. Brian made a motion to approve the proposals. Shawn seconded. All approved.

D. For the Good of the Order
Roxane asked about a required number of upper level courses that students have to take to graduate. Jon said no, there is no requirement. Godfrey explained that these requirements are set by the program. There is no universal requirement.

Kate asked about the A- policy. Mary said that a change is possible but that it would have to phase in over 18 months. The undergraduate change took place in 2006 and required about a year and a half to implement. Robyn asked about the process. Mark asked about how it was handled at the undergraduate level in 2006. Jon responded that it went to the Faculty Senate.

Emily brought up coordinating with the Citadel and their grading scale.

Sandy mentioned the conditions of Covid and that the Registrar is very overloaded right now.

Godfrey explained that it has come up in the last few years and that the Graduate School has pushed it down because of other priorities. Godfrey suggested that the process start with this committee, then go to Graduate Council, and then to Senate. He noted that we must consider the multiple partner programs in a potential change.
Sandy said that this would be a year to start movement on the change because there are not massive curricular overhauls taking place this year.

Shawn asked if we should poll the Graduate Directors for their input. Sandy recommended that we do some research first and then reach out.

Emily noted that this was discussed at Graduate Council in Spring 2020. She suggested looking at these minute meetings.

Mary said that this would be a big project. It would need to be prioritized among other directives from the Provost.

Godfrey will check in with the Provost about this in terms of a priority. Sandy and Robyn will look for previous meeting minutes. Mary will inquire about the requirements for the Registrar’s office.

Sandy will include this topic on the agenda for the next meeting.

**E. Motion to Adjourn**

Roxanne motioned to dismiss. Brian seconded. All approved.