Minutes of the Council meeting for April 29, 2011
Approved by the Council on May 9, 2011

In attendance:  J. Baronner (staff), J. Bartow (Staff), S. Chittur, S. Commuri,
               N. Fahrenkopf, C. Fox, L. Fuller, T. Groves, L. Kranich (Chair), H.
               Miller, T. Timmons, K. Williams

Unable to attend  J. Aini, R. Beach, F. Bolton (Staff), S. Kazanas, W. Lanford,
                  F. Leiva

Guests:  Yong Lee and Paul Urbanski (School of Social Welfare graduate students)

Agenda

   Minutes are in the final stages of completion. Minutes will be electronically
   distributed within the next day or two.

2. Dean’s report – K. Williams
   No report.

3. Chair’s Report - L. Kranich

   At the Senate meeting on April 11, two GAC items were approved: the proposal for a
   Graduate Certificate in Online Learning and Teaching (COLT) and the proposal to
   require the Digital Submission of Master’s Theses.

   Andi Lyons, Professor of Theatre, was elected Vice Chair and becomes the Senate
   Chair next year.

   A technical issue arose concerning the upcoming May 9th Senate meeting. The
   Bylaws require at least 10 days between SBC approval of a bill and consideration by
   the full Senate. However, due to the late date of Spring Break, the last Senate
   meeting is scheduled only 7 days after the final SBC meeting. Therefore, any
   measures approved by the SBC will require the approval of 2/3 of the Senate in order
   be placed on the agenda for discussion. This pertains to any items approved at today’s
   meeting.

4. Committee Reports

   - CAAS -- H. Miller, Chair
     No report

   - CEPP -- S. Commuri, Chair
     No report
4. Committee Reports (Continued)

- CC&I -- T. Groves, Chair

**Proposed Changes for MA Degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology**

The Psychology Department proposes that EPSY 530 and 630 be listed as alternative statistics courses for APSY 510 and 511 courses. APSY 751 and 754 are not offered frequently enough for MA students, and the proposal is for MA students to substitute APSY 757 and 668. Also, MA students would complete one seminar in the Industrial Psychology portion and one in the Organizational Psychology seminar if allowed to take either APSY 668 and 751. Changes would not affect credits. A member mentioned that it draws on courses that PhD students complete at the beginning of the program. The career track for Master’s students is to obtain a degree and proceed with employment. Some doctoral seminars are offered every other year. Thus some Master’s students could not complete seminars the same year they begin the program. The program requirements would be updated with new wording. The Council unanimously approved the proposal with one abstention.

5. Old Business

**Rockefeller College and School of Social Welfare Proposal to Revise the Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Leadership**

CC&I sent the proposal back to the sponsors for re-wording since GAC does not have authority to re-write. The Council was concerned why the proposal stated “At least 2 courses must be taken in Rockefeller College of Public Affairs” but did not require that courses be taken in the School of Social Welfare.” Florie Bolton sent a note to Judith Saidel, director of the program. Chair Groves read the report to the Council (see CC&I attachment). The response explained that “public administration and policy is, by definition, a multidisciplinary field” and that requiring 2 courses will ensure exposure to a diversity of disciplinary perspectives. However, under the proposed wording, it is still possible to complete the curriculum without taking any courses in Social Welfare. The question remains: is it necessary to take any courses in Social Welfare?

The Council agreed to refer the proposal back to the Department for further clarification.
6. New Business

Proposal to Suspend Admission to the MS in HPMB

Professor Diane Dewar, Chair of the Department of Health Policy, Management, and Behavior attended the meeting via speaker phone. Enrollment in the MS program in HPMB has decreased over the years, and the Department wants to focus energy on the current MPH program. Currently, there is 1 student active in the MS program. The proposal is to suspend admission to the program and to restructure it as a companion to the PhD rather than as a terminal degree program. The Department is committed to providing ample opportunity for the remaining students to complete the degree. The proposal must be approved by both UPPC and GAC before being presented to the Senate. Professor Dewar mentioned that the proposal has already been forwarded to UPPC. A motion to approve was passed unanimously by the Council.

7. Continuation of CAA Reviews

Once approved by the Council, summaries will be sent to Department Chairs and Institutional Research for posting with the other review materials. Reviewers’ names should be removed and replaced with “Graduate Academic Council.” The Chair has not received summaries for Physics and Psychology. If members have questions, they should forward them to the reviewer. The only revision was for English. Some of the summaries are complete while others still require more work. The Chair suggested holding another meeting on Monday, May 9th, at 10:00 AM to complete the review process. Today’s meeting will comprise discussion of those reviews that are nearly completed. History was amended to include some of the comments and approved. Philosophy will be distributed with the updated version. The Chair will forward notes to members regarding Information Science. Educational Administration & Policy Studies as well as English requires updating. The Council voted unanimously to approve both Earth & Atmospheric Sciences and Reading.

END OF GAC 4/29/2011 MINUTES

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