

## **GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

### **September 24, 2008**

Present: Douglas Anderson, Cathy Brown, Tim Catalano, Ken Itzkowitz, Marilee Morrow, Marybeth Peebles, Mark Sibicky, Gloria Stewart

#### Review Funds for Graduate Travel

It was noted that we have \$4,000 in the Graduate Student Travel Grant account. To date, Council has received six applications for student travel grants from Jarvis, Bowman, Norris, Schaefer, Issenock, and Vilas. Grant awards will be decided at the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussion included the number of applications we expect to receive, the amount to be awarded to each student, and whether or not the student was presenting at the conference as opposed to attending. A future agenda item was recommended that we discuss a request to Faculty Council for an increase in the travel grant budget for next academic year. It was also mentioned that there was supposed to be funding for graduate student travel generated by the Capital Campaign.

#### New Course Proposal

The Master of Arts in Psychology is proposing a new special topics course, PSYC 600. Reasons presented for a special topics course included faculty teaching rotation, student or faculty interest in a specific topic not covered in required courses or current electives, and to allow flexibility in the curriculum. Stewart moved to approve and Morrow seconded. The motion was tabled after discussion of which council members have voting privileges. Itzkowitz moved to vote on the course by email after it is determined who has voting privileges and Morrow seconded. The motion was approved.

#### Master of International Corporate Media BA/MA Degree Discussion

Morrow opened discussion regarding the possibility of proposing a combined BA/MA Corporate Media degree. She has had preliminary discussions with her department colleagues as well as students in the undergraduate majors within the department. All have responded positively to the idea. She wanted Council's opinions and advice before developing the proposal. Sibicky discussed the pros and cons of the Master of Arts in Psychology combined degree. Recommendations included making sure all departmental faculty support the proposal and the ensuing workload if approved, and making sure the students applying to the program have met certain general education requirements before applying.

#### Future Agenda Item

Anderson recommended a future discussion about including alternatives to the electronic thesis, such as video projects that corporate media students do, for OhioLink access.

Meeting adjourned 12:55 p.m.

Addendum: After Chair researched which members have voting privileges and informed the group, the PSYC 600 Special Topics course passed on 9/24/08 via email vote. After notifying the records office, the course number was changed to PSYC 601 to distinguish it from transfer credit.