PRESENT: S. Howell (EDU/KNPE), K. Mantzke (BUS/ACCY), K. Myers (LAS/SOCI/CSWGS), J.R. Njue (HHS/FACS), R. Nordli (VPA/MUSC/Student)

CONSULTANTS: D. Smith (Catalog Editor/Curriculum Coordinator)

The meeting was called to order by GCCC Chair Howell.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mantzke made a motion, seconded by Nordli, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 12, 2018, GCCC MEETING. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Smith announced that there would be a Section C attachment to accompany minutes from today’s meeting. The Section C attachment is a report of curricular changes previously approved by the GCCC that needed additional approval. She added that the bulk of this attachment deals with the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures name change to the Department of World Languages and Cultures.

CONSENT AGENDA

Howell explained that the items on the Consent Agenda are college minutes with either no graduate curricular changes or with routine curricular changes. Committee members may ask for any set of minutes be removed from the consent agenda for discussion prior to approval. Njue made a motion, seconded by Mantzke, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Motion passed unanimously.

The following minutes with no graduate curricular items were so received.

College of Education #6
College of Education #7
College of Engineering and Engineering Technology #7
College of Engineering and Engineering Technology #8
College of Engineering and Engineering Technology #9
College of Engineering and Engineering Technology #10
College of Health and Human Sciences #8
College of Health and Human Sciences #9
College of Health and Human Sciences #10
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences #8
College of Visual and Performing Arts #6

The following minutes with graduate curricular items were so received.
College of Business #6

In these minutes is a proposal for a new M.S. in data analytics. Mantzke made a motion, seconded by Nordli, TO APPROVE THE GRADUATE-LEVEL CURRICULAR ITEMS IN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS #6 (12/6/17) PENDING BOT AND IBHE APPROVAL. Smith explained the timing of the approval. If the GCCC approves today, it will next go to the Graduate Council in March. If they approve the new degree, it will go to the Board of Trustees (BOT) then to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). The next round of BOT meetings this proposal would be ready for would be those in May (committee) and June (full BOT). So it was necessary for the GCCC to meet in February to ensure this item would make the deadline for the May BOT committee meeting. Mantzke reported that the chair of the Department of Operations Management and Information Systems (OMIS), Chang Liu, is very interested to hear the results of today’s GCCC meeting. It was clarified that the earliest catalog this would be in would be the 2019-20 graduate catalog. There was a question if the department had checked with other areas regarding duplication. Mantzke responded that Liu has been working with an interdisciplinary data sciences group since May of 2016. They are aware of the new program proposal and have not expressed any concerns. Any program proposed by the interdisciplinary group would address data analytics more broadly. The degree from OMIS addresses data analytics very specifically. Howell questioned the use of singular pronouns in the proposal and wondered if there would be a movement to using plural pronouns for singular persons. Myers agreed and noted they could also make “student” plural. [Note: The catalog editor will make this change editorially.] Howell noted this looks like a strong program and there is a need for this type of major. It was also pointed out that the degree would be online. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. None.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 10:30.

The next meeting of the Graduate Council Curriculum Committee is scheduled for March 19, 2018, 10:00, Conference Room 304, Lowden Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Smith, Catalog Editor/Curriculum Coordinator