

**Minutes of Graduate Curriculum Committee
September 22, 2005
206 Sandy Hall, 2:00 PM**

Members Present:

Toni Stroter, Marvin Foushee, Matthew Eick, Tarun Sen, Harry Robertshaw, Tony Colaianne, Bill Carstensen, Slimane Adjerid, Bradley Klein, Brian Mihalik, Karen DePauw, Hope McClure

Invited guests: Carolyn Rude, Lucinda Roy, Virginia Fowler, Larry Grossman

Approved items

1. College of Natural Resources – Doctoral Program in Geospatial and Environmental Analysis
 - why is it not dept based? b/c it is a college-wide endeavor – interdisciplinary.
 - no reallocation of faculty – no specific equipment needed to start program.
 - should there be minimum experience to be accepted into degree? They currently need GIS experience but beyond that do not want to specify which could exclude qualified candidates.

Approved with minor corrections needed

1. ENGL PhD in Rhetoric and Writing
 - is there student demand? It's difficult to determine and there will be recruiting work but the need is there, the jobs are there. Similar program at Texas Tech was successful.
 - should there be a stats class in this program? A lot of the research is qualitative, some students will take stats but that is up to their specific plan of study so it is not a requirement.
 - difference between rhetoric and communications? Communications is primarily speech, rhetoric, primarily writing. At Virginia Tech communications translates into PR primarily.
 - revisions needed:** add “no new resources”. Add “required texts” and “supplemental texts”
2. ENGL 5614 Visual Rhetoric and Document Design
3. ENGL 5624 Intercultural Communication
4. ENGL 5634 Writing and Publishing in Electronic Environments
5. ENGL 5644 Genres of Professional Practice
6. ENGL 5654 Professional Writing Pedagogy
7. ENGL 5674 Rhetoric of Science and Technology
8. ENGL 6304 Disciplinary Issues in Rhetoric and Writing
9. ENGL 6314 Classical Rhetoric in Written Communication
10. ENGL 6334 Rhetoric in Society
11. ENGL 6344 Rhetoric in Digital Environments
12. ENGL 6364 Research Design in Rhetoric and Writing
13. ENGL 6374 Field Methods of Research in Rhetoric and Writing
14. ENGL 6514 Studies in Rhetoric
15. ENGL 6524 Theories of Written Communication
16. ENGL 6554 Composition Studies

Discussion:

April meeting minutes approved by committee vote.

How committee judges proposals and how proposals should appear at committee meetings. Proposals should be standardized based on a template on the Registrars website. Proposals that deviate from template will not be put on agenda until changes are made. The committee will judge based on content and course overlap.

Brian will develop check sheet and/or template for committee members to use in judging each proposal.

Committee discussed having departments submit proposals electronically from now on. Departments will now submit proposals electronically.

Adjourned at 4:00 PM