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**Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences
Undergraduate Council
Minutes from the March 7, 2014 Meeting**

In Attendance: John Twyning (chair), Elizabeth Taylor (secretary), Jeff Aziz, Rosemary Capo, Andrew Lotz, Melanie Popa, Phil Smith, Cecile Sun, Anne Weis, Enoch Tse, Judy McConnaha (ex officio)

Not attending: Frank Beatrous, Janelle Greenberg, Jeffrey Hildebrand, Christel Temple, Akshaya Arjunan, Nuwan Perera, Simrath Randhawa

1. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of February 11, 2014 were approved.

2. New Business

Dietrich School-UC reviewed and approved unanimously a proposal to revise the Music major and minor.

Dietrich School-UC reviewed and approved unanimously a proposal to revise the Chinese major.

Existing courses approved to fulfill General Education Requirements

ITAL 0088 Italian America on Screen

- Second Course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression
- Historical Change

GER 1512 German Literature and European Philosophy: Goethe's Faust

- Second Course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression
- Foreign Culture/International - Regional

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Not attending: Andrew Lotz, Phil Smith, Akshaya Arjunan, Simrath Randhawa

1. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of March 7, 2014 were approved.

2. New Business

New major

Dietrich School-UC reviewed and approved unanimously a proposal to create a new Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies major.

Existing courses approved to fulfill General Education Requirements

HIST 1055 History of Dance

- The Arts
- Historical Change
- Foreign Culture/International – Comparative

HIST 1076 Comparative Slavery

- Historical Change
- Foreign Culture/International - Comparative
- Non-Western Culture

HIST 1084 Food and History

- Foreign Culture/International – Global

HIST 1095 Sport and Global Capitalism

- Historical Change
- Foreign Culture/International – Global

HIST 1683 North American Indians

- Historical Change
- Foreign Culture/International - Regional
- Non-Western Culture

HIST 1707 Gender in Global History

- Social Science
- Historical Change
- Foreign Culture/International - Global

ENGLIT 0618 War

- Literature

ENGLIT 0621 Introduction to African-American Literature: Debates and Approaches

- Literature

ENGLIT 0647 Harry Potter: Blood, Power, Culture

- Literature

ENGLIT 1227 Harlem Renaissance

- Second Course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression
- Historical Change

ENGLIT 1384 Banned Books

- Second Course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression
- Foreign Culture/International – Global

COMMRC 0500 Argumentation

- Second Course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression

ENGLIT 0515 Contemporary African American Poetry

- Literature
- Writing-intensive

HPS 0700 History and Philosophy of Musical Science

- Philosophy

**Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences
Graduate Council
Minutes from the April 15, 2014 Meeting**

In Attendance: Kathleen Blee, Adam Brode, Jessica Isaac, Kristin Kanthak, Linda Rinaman

Not in Attendance: Jerome Branche, Lilian Chong, Emma Freeman, Margaret Judd, Kathryn LeCroy, Edouard Machery, Aisha Upton, Andrew Zentner

1. Review minutes from February 11, 2014

Minutes approved by the Council as submitted.

2. Diversity initiatives in the Dietrich School

The Manager of Diversity Initiatives, Philippa Carter, discussed challenges and opportunities for increasing the number of underrepresented students across all departments. The Council made suggestions for increasing diversity efforts, including asking senior students to serve as “diversity partners” or “ambassadors” and participate in recruitment. “Ambassadors” could volunteer to host prospective students and to attend dinners with them. They also asked Philippa to meet with the A&S-GSO in September to generate additional ideas.

3. Graduate fellowships overview

Philippa Carter presented an overview of the number and type of graduate fellowships in the Dietrich School. There was a decline in the number of applicants for several fellowships, particularly the Mellon. Council members suggested that the departments might be restricting the number of students they nominate since they only expect to have a few of their students receive fellowships. Council members recommended that the selection process be explained with additional detail at the annual DGS meeting. They also recommended that Graduate Studies staff contact departments to make sure that all eligible students are receiving announcements about particular fellowships.

4. Select departments for TA/TF training reviews in AY2015

Political Science and Sociology deferred their reviews previously, so both will be reviewed in 2015. The Council also decided to review Economics since their last review was in 2003.

5. Critical European Cultural Studies proposal

Council members reviewed the proposal for a new interdisciplinary PhD program. Members agreed that the proposal fit with university goals and would attract students and faculty, though the funding structure would need to be ironed out in subsequent drafts. They were enthusiastic about the multiple language requirements and the way the program would complement the certificate programs. Council members voted in favor of moving the proposal forward to the A&S Council.

6. Review responses by chairs to TA/TF training reports

Responses to the reports were positive across departments. Linda Rinaman suggested that the Council check in with departments a few years after their reviews to remind them of their plans and to see what changed in their programs since the reviews.

7. Remote participation by committee members

In extraordinary circumstances and with the advance permission of Assistant Dean Linda Rinaman, graduate student committee members can participate remotely for either a student's prospective overview or dissertation defense. The Council discussed this policy and recommended that we review data on remote participation next fall.

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Council Minutes from the September 5, 2014 Meeting

In Attendance: Dean N. John Cooper (Chair), Senior Associate Dean James Knapp (Vice Chair), Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research Kathleen Blee, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies John Twyning, Executive Director for Staff Personnel and Senior Assistant Dean Michele Colvard, Senior Administrative Officer Jessica Hatherill, Professors Daniel Balderston, David Bartholomae, Don Bialostosky, Renate Blumenfeld-Kosinski, Kay Brummond, Carol Colby, Michael Goodhart, Kathleen Musante, Jeffrey Newman, Lara Putnam, and Ivan Yotov, Lecturers Angela Athanas, Gretchen Bender, and Katherine Wolfe, and Guest Professor Mark Abbott

Not in Attendance: Professor Lisa Brush

1. Minutes of the meeting held on March 5, 2014

Dean Cooper presented a final version of the minutes of the meeting held on April 4, 2014. The minutes were approved electronically on June 16, 2014.

2. Dean's Report (Dean N. John Cooper)

The Dean reported that Professor Emeritus Attilio "Buck" Favorini (Theatre Arts) was inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Theatre. Professor Emeritus Nathan Davis (Music) received the American Jazz Museum's Lifetime Achievement Award. John C. Downs (History) received his diploma at Commencement at age 90—64 years after he had completed the degree requirements. Professor Sergey Frolov (Physics and

Astronomy) received a \$3 million grant to explore ways of using the Majorana fermion to transform quantum computing. Undergraduate Alexandre Gauthier (Physics and Astronomy) was named a 2014 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship winner for his research in condensed matter physics. Professor Geri Allen (Music) received an honorary doctorate from the Berklee College of Music.

3. Proposal to change the name of "Geology and Planetary Science" to "Geology and Environmental Science" (Dean N. John Cooper)

Dean Cooper invited Professor Mark Abbott (Geology and Planetary Science) to review with Council the Department's proposal to change its name from "Geology and Planetary Science" to "Geology and Environmental Science." Professor Abbott explained that over the years, the departmental focus on environmental science has steadily increased, while focus on planetary science has decreased. In an effort for the name of the department to accurately reflect the current research and teaching strengths in environmental science, the faculty members and 90% of graduate students voted to accept the recommendation of the 2013 external reviewers and to propose to change the name of the department.

Council members discussed other programs and degrees that had "environmental" in their titles and the reasons for some dissenting votes from faculty members in the Department. Professor Balderston moved to accept the proposal, pending approval by appropriate committees to also change the name of the undergraduate and graduate degrees. The motion was seconded and approved by all.

4. Update on the Enrollment (Dean N. John Cooper)

Dean Cooper reported that freshman enrollment for the Dietrich School was near record levels, although overall enrollments are somewhat lower than the 2011 peak. He noted that College of General Studies enrollments are level but below where they were when the Schools were integrated administratively. This reflected a shift in recruitment resources and responsibility from the College itself to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.

5. Report from Dietrich School Undergraduate Council (Associate Dean John Twyning)

Associate Dean John Twyning reported that Undergraduate Council had not met since the last Council meeting. He updated Council on the increase in undergraduate students participating in OMETs under the new opt-out system and thanked Chairs and faculty members for their help

implementing the new system. Council members discussed possible ways to incentivize students to increase participation, including communicating to students that OMETs are used by upper administration as a component of performance evaluations.

The report was moved, seconded, and approved.

6. Report from Dietrich School Graduate Council (Associate Dean Kathleen Blee)

Associate Dean Kathleen Blee reported that Graduate Council met on April 15, 2014 and reviewed diversity initiatives in Graduate Studies and proposed senior graduate students from each department be asked to participate in a coordinated diversity recruitment effort. Graduate Council selected Political Science, Sociology, and Economics for this year's review of departmental TA/TF training practices. The proposal for new interdisciplinary PhD program in Critical European Cultural Studies was reviewed. Members agreed that the proposal fit with University goals and would attract students and faculty, when the funding issues are resolved. Graduate Council members voted in favor of moving the proposal forward to the Dietrich School Council. The current policy which allows graduate student committee members to participate remotely for either a student's prospective overview or dissertation defense in extraordinary circumstances and with the advance permission of Assistant Dean Linda Rinaman was reviewed. Graduate Council recommended that data on remote participation be reviewed in fall 2014.

The report was moved, seconded, and approved.

7. Election of Dietrich School Council Member as Vice Chairperson to serve in Dean's absence

Dean Cooper reminded Council that at the first meeting of every academic school year, a Vice Chairperson needs to be appointed to chair meetings in the Dean's absence. Associate Dean John Twyning moved that Senior Associate Dean Jim Knapp be appointed to the position. The motion was seconded and approved by all. Senior Associate Dean Jim Knapp accepted the position as Vice Chair.

8. Appointment of Dietrich School Council member from the Natural Sciences to Dietrich School PBC for a 3-year term (Dean N. John Cooper)

Dean Cooper reminded the group that one elected Council member from the Natural Sciences was needed to serve on the Dietrich School Planning and Budgeting Committee for a 3-year term. Professor Daniel Balderston nominated

Professor Carol Colby, who, following clarification of the role of PBC members, agreed to serve. The nomination was seconded, and all were in favor.

9. Selection of nominees for Nominating Committee **The Dean reviewed the charge of the Nominating**

Committee and the role of Council in creating the slate for elections to the Nominating Committee. Council created a priority list of nominees, and a Council member from each division agreed to ask nominees to allow their names to go forward for the Nominating Committee.

10. Fall Full Faculty Meeting – date and agenda

Council selected Monday, October 6, 2014, at 2 p.m. as the date and time of the Fall Full Faculty Meeting. The draft of the agenda was approved.

11. Other Business

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Tenure Council Report of the Secretary September 5, 2014
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Between September 1, 2013 and August 31, 2014 a total of 29 ad hoc Review Committees were convened to advise the Dean of the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences on cases for promotion to Associate Professor with tenure, appointment at tenured rank, or promotion to full Professor. The members of these Committees were chosen by the Tenure Council Selection Committee and the Dean of the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences in accordance with the Dietrich School Bylaws. In the previous 10 years, the number of ad hoc Review Committees was as follows:

2004-05	11
2005-06	44
2006-07	34
2007-08	33
2008-09	40
2009-10	18
2010-11	27
2011-12	32
2012-13	31
2013-14	29

Fourteen committees were convened to advise the Dean on departmental recommendations that Assistant Professors be

promoted to the rank of Associate Professor and awarded tenure. Twelve committees voted unanimously to support the departmental recommendations; 1 committee was split, and 1 committee voted five in favor and one against.

One candidate withdrew from tenure review before the Dean reviewed the case, and the Dean declined to support one additional case for promotion to the rank of Associate Professor and the award of tenure.

One ad hoc Review Committee was convened to advise the Dean on a departmental recommendation that an Assistant Professor be promoted to Associate Professor without tenure. The committee voted unanimously to support the departmental recommendation. The Dean forwarded a positive recommendation to the Provost.

One ad hoc Review Committee was convened to advise the Dean on a departmental recommendation that an Associate Professor without tenure be promoted to Full Professor and awarded tenure. The committee voted unanimously to support the departmental recommendation. The Dean forwarded a positive recommendation to the Provost.

Ten ad hoc Review Committees were convened to advise the Dean on departmental recommendations for promotion of tenured Associate Professors to the rank of full Professor.

Five committees voted unanimously in favor of the departmental recommendations of promotion to full Professor and three committees voted four in favor and one against. Two committees voted zero in favor and five against. The Dean has forwarded one positive recommendation to the Provost, and the remainder are under review.

Two panels selected from Tenure Council were convened to advise the Provost on appeals of negative Tenure decisions by the Dean from the previous academic year. Both panels reported to the Provost. The Provost upheld the Dean's decision on one case, and the second is under review.

Three Review Committees were convened to advise the Dean on departmental recommendations to offer appointments with tenure to new faculty members at the rank of full Professors (with an Endowed Chair), Associate Professor, and full Professor. All three of the committees voted unanimously in favor of the departmental recommendations. All three candidates were offered

appointments; two declined and one is under negotiation. The ad hoc committees for each of the cases were Standing Committees of the Dietrich School Tenure Council—two involved the Humanities Standing Committee and one involved the Social Science Standing Committee.

The Dietrich School Tenure Council for 2013-14 consisted of 43 regular members and 31 alternate members. In addition, 58 other faculty members from the Dietrich School and 3 faculty members from other schools served on ad hoc Review Committees during the academic year. These individuals were called on for service on ad hoc Review Committees as follows: 42 members served on at least one Committee, 23 served on only one Committee, 5 on two, 6 on three, 4 on four, 3 on five, and 1 on seven (a record—thank you, Professor Nancy Condee.)

**Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences
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Not attending: Rosemary Capo, Larry Glasco, Hannah Johnson, Phil Smith, Christel Temple, Alexandra Kajari, Simrath Randhawa

1. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of April 11, 2014 were approved.

2. New Business

Proposal to change assessment of General Education Requirements

Dietrich School-UC reviewed and discussed a draft proposal presented by John Twyning to change the assessment process for General Education Requirement courses. Twyning will revise draft according to feedback and draft a letter to department chairs and program directors which outlines the new process.

Existing courses approved to fulfill General Education Requirements

ANTH 1741 Energy and Energopolitics in Eurasia

- Foreign Culture/International – Regional
- Non-Western Culture

CHIN 0007 Introduction to Chinese Civilization and Culture

- Historical Change

CHIN 0085 Revolution, Involution, and Identity in Modern Chinese Culture

- Historical Change

CHIN 1059 Adapted for the Screen: Chinese Literature and Film

- Second Course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression
- Non-Western Culture

CHIN 1084 Masterpieces of Chinese Literature Modern

- Second course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression

John Twyning informed Dietrich School-UC of the information that will be sent to department chairs and program directors regarding General Education Requirement courses.

Electronic approval of Dietrich School Undergraduate Council minutes

John Twyning presented a proposal to approve Dietrich School-UC minutes electronically. Dietrich School-UC unanimously approved the proposal.

Existing courses approved to fulfill General Education Requirements

JPNSE 0007 Introduction to Japanese Civilization and Culture

- Foreign Culture/International – Regional

JPNSE 1035 Pragmatics of Japanese

- Foreign Culture / International – Regional
- Non-Western Culture

KOREAN 0004 Second Year Korean 2

- Second Language

MUSIC 0211 Introduction to Western Art Music

- Historical Change

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Update on proposal to change assessment of General Education Requirements