Meeting started at 9:10 am
Chair elect: Alan Dyer

Introduction of new members- Dr. John Borkowski and Dr. Mary Miles

No comments from campus

March 24, 2014 minutes approved unanimously with no change

Guest Presenter – Dr. Colleen Moore, Department Chair, Psychology

Level II Ph.D. in Psychological Science Proposal, handout provided
- Introduction of Drs. Jessi Smith and Keith Hutchison of the Psychology department
- Presentation of proposed Ph.D. in psychology
- Committee member Christensen: will current funding shift from M.S. students to Ph.D. students
  o The total number of students will be the same. Also anticipating fellowships.
- Guest Hutchison: current GRA’s have not been written into grants due to the students having a short span of only 2 years participation and limited time for productivity.
- Committee member Reidy: projected enrollment?
  o In 5 years anticipating 16 graduate students enrolled with a preference for the Ph.D. degree.
Discussion ensued on required coursework of transferring students
   o Depends on coursework transferred in and scope of field (research versus therapy)
   o After M.S. in psychological science is earned the remaining coursework includes: 3 additional courses on books and dissertation hours.

Committee member Codd: ratio of GTA to GRA 1:1 ratio eventually?
   o Psychology team: The current numbers are conservative; with more grants, will come more GRAs
   o Current “Brown Bag” Series is an evaluation tool/course that is a yearly requirement for students, not on the books as a course, due to tuition waiver/financial allocation hour reasons.

Question raised about number of courses for Ph.D. discussion ensured.

Chair Elect Dyer: what review/application process exists for new psychology degree (BOR) because the council doesn’t have the expertise to evaluate psychology courses (accreditation review board)
   o Psychology team: Currently the M.S. degree models the first two years of a Ph.D. program.

Committee member Reidy: how will MSU compete and how will the faculty handle the student load?
   o Psychology team: niche based on research area of research professors, faculty strong and well-known, competitive

Chair Elect Dyer: Other dept. support from outside psychology (CBN, engineering, EHHD, NAS)

Recommendations on proposal will be made in writing.

Council excused Psychology team (Moore, Hutchinson and Smith) from the meeting.

Course load will change with the number of Ph.D. advisees
   o Concern: Psychology dept. is small. Is it robust enough to sustain a ‘satisfactory’ performing, competitive Ph.D. program?

Is the teaching rigorous enough for a Ph.D. program? Fair for students vs. a bigger university?
   o Committee member Codd: there are similarities with the engineering dept. For example, same faculty number and similar issues. Those taking on students switched to a 2,1 course load.

Concerns were raised by council on the following items:
   o Anecdotal vs. hard numbers
   o Students interest in Ph.D. progression
   o Research dollars to fund GRAs
   o Is the UGC recommending that the Institution’s (Provost Office) investment be in a social science program, perhaps? How much does the Institution think this is going to cost? Investment for how long?
• It was suggested that the Psychology level II proposal be moved to the Curriculum Committee for further review.
  o Committee member Christensen: inquired about recommending adjustment for teaching loads depending on the number of research students taken on.
  o Committee member Reidy: motioned to assign in depth evaluation to curriculum committee and come back to UGC by 4/21/2014 with recommendations. Christiansen second. Motion passed.

Committee Updates and Reports
• Policy and Procedures Committee (Murphy, Shreffler-Grant, Borkowski)
  o Committee had not met
  o Shreffler-Grant will get committee to meet about videoconferencing issue
  o Committee needs a chair

• Curriculum Committee Report (Ruff, Livingston, Miles)
  o New members. limited access, haven’t met
  o Dean Hoo reviewed requests as noted on agenda
  o Committee needs a chair.

• Governance Report (Dyer, Codd, Christensen, Reidy)
  o Graduate Faculty Status
  o Discussion of options, committee still looking into it
  o Will report comparable programs (national and regional) next meeting (4/21)

• Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am

• Next scheduled meeting: April 21, 2014 9:00-11:00am, Animal Biosciences Building Room 138