

## Notes from Graduate Council Meeting, March 6, 2008

Present: Song Chung, Rochelle Kaplan, Robin Schwartz, Liana Fornarotto

Guests: Jeanne D'haem, Jane Hutchison

1. **Review of minutes** from February 21, 2008 was postponed.

### 2. Program Change and New Proposal Review

#### **a)Alternate Route Certification Program in School Library Media**

Jane Hutchison presented the proposal for an alternate route track for certification as school library media specialists for candidates who have a master's degree in library science (MLS) but no teaching credentials. The program involves the completion of 9 credits from post-baccalaureate certification programs at WPU in addition to the 36 credit SLM program requirements. The proposal was approved by those council members present and those who reviewed the program and commented by email.

#### **b)Change to Post-Baccalaureate Endorsement as Teachers of Students with Disabilities**

Jeanne D'haem presented a course and program change for the Post-Baccalaureate Endorsement Program for Teachers of Students with Disabilities. The change entailed the reduction of credits for a practicum course from 3 to 1 credit, consistent with similar experiences in other teacher education programs. The effect of this change is to reduce the number of credits needed for the endorsement from 24 to 22 credits. This change will make the program more competitive with similar programs in the state that require only 21 credits. The proposal was approved by those council members present and those who reviewed the program and commented by email.

### 3. Graduate Council Response to the Academic Plan

The Graduate and Undergraduate Councils will lead the discussion about the Academic Plan at the next Senate meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>. If possible, council members should attend.

### 4. Graduate Studies Forum on April 3, 12:30-1:45 p.m., Valley 1022, 1024, 1001

**a)The title of the forum** will incorporate the words "graduate studies culture" and "making it a reality" – How is: *The Culture of Graduate Studies at William Paterson University: Making it a Reality?*

#### **b)Format**

1. We will ask Nina Jemmott to introduce the session – 5-10 minutes (Powerpoint to be developed on evolution of graduate studies at WPU up to this point – Kathy Malanga will be asked to construct the Powerpoint).

2. Following the introduction we will break into discussion groups (45 minutes) focusing on specific questions related to the theme and covering *What are we doing well in that area now?* and *What do we need to change to be more effective?* Council members will lead the discussions and take notes as follows:

- How might you envision a College of Graduate Studies at William Paterson University? – Liana Fornarotto and Rochelle Kaplan
- How could we unify our purpose, reduce competition/provincialism, and collaborate more across programs? – Marina Budhos, Francis Cai, Rita Levine

- How can we build up our resources to support a bigger, better, and more distinguished identity for graduate studies at WPUNJ? – Kathy Malanga, Dorothy Feola, Danielle Liautaud
- What would we like the “brand” for graduate studies at WPUNJ to be? – Song Chung, Robin Schwartz

3. Following the breakout groups, we will come together to share briefly what was discussed in each group. (15 minutes)

**c) Flyer and Publicity**

Song will prepare a flyer including the theme title and a hint of the breakout group questions.

Rochelle will take care of announcements.

All council members will provide targeted invitations to department and college faculty and librarians and staff who have special interests in graduate studies.

**d) Food** – Nina’s office is sponsoring the light lunch. Rochelle will place order through Alice.

Follow-up communication will be by email.

Our next meeting will be on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the forum.

Submitted by,  
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