

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

COMMISSION ON GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Minutes

March 27, 1979 3:00 p.m.

President's Board Room, Burruss Hall

Present: Drs. Ballweg (for Stout), Bingham, Fabrycky, Hoepner, Houck (for Bellas), Hinkelmann, Mason, Oyler, Simpson, Sporakowski, Sullins (for Rockey), Watts, and Mr. Cummins.

Absent: Drs. Bellas, Bonomo, Lewis, Rockey, Stout, Wise, and Mr. Sweeney.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Fabrycky at 3:10 p.m. Dean Fabrycky explained that Dean Hoepner was detained in a meeting and that he would be joining the Commission meeting before its adjournment.

Dean Fabrycky called for a few minutes of silent meditation in memory of Dean Emeritus Fred Warren Bull.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Dean Fabrycky reminded the Commission members that Dean Ritchey and Dr. Zentner of the College of Home Economics were waiting to bring the Commission members up-to-date on the Statement of Readiness for the Ph.D. in Clothing, Textiles and Related Arts and that Dean Ritchey would also discuss the Proposal for a Certificate in Gerontology.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion passed.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of March 13, 1979. It was pointed out that a minor correction in spelling needed to be made. With the correction duly noted, the motion passed.

3. Course Criteria Committee Report

Change BAD 5519 to BAD 5570 - Research for Marketing Decisions (3H, 3C). New Course. Inappropriate number (5519) for numbering system. Approved.

PSYC 5130 - Advanced Test Theory (3H, 3C) III, New Course. Approved. Originally deferred for clarification of catalog description.

4. Statement of Readiness for the Ph.D. in Clothing, Textiles and Related Arts

Dean Fabrycky pointed out that included in the agenda packet was the former action taken by the Commission at the November 29, 1977 meeting. The Commission spelled out certain criteria that must be met before approving the Statement of Readiness for the Ph.D. program in Clothing Textiles, and Related Arts.

Dean Ritchey and Dr. Zentner were invited in to speak in behalf of the Statement of Readiness for Clothing, Textiles and Related Arts.

Dr. Zentner, once again, explained the need for another Ph.D. program in Clothing Textiles and Related Arts in the United States. Dr. Zentner requested Dr. Ritchey's assistance in addressing the stipulations made by the Commission in November, 1977 when the Letter of Intent for the Ph.D. program was approved.

Dean Ritchey addressed the four previous stipulations of the Commission as follows:

1. Hiring of two senior level faculty. One person has been brought in on a full-time, permanent basis. The second person, senior level, has been on board this academic year and most likely will remain through next year. This person, Dean Ritchey clarified, was an individual with long experience in industry who was basically hired on a one year appointment, however, it is anticipated that this individual will stay another year while the College and the department continues the search for another full-time, permanent person.
2. Increase enrollment at the Master's level. Dr. Zentner and her faculty have made tremendous efforts to increase enrollment, however, college patterns established by Human Nutrition and Foods, and Management, Housing and Family Development demonstrate that graduate enrollment is not going to increase much until the Ph.D. program is approved and on line. Therefore, expectation for increased enrollment at the Master's level is not likely until the Ph.D. is established.
3. Outside research funding. CTRA is not a field that would draw outside money. Industry will support CTRA from the viewpoint of giving supplies and materials, however, they generally do not give funds to support students.
4. Other interdisciplinary input. This currently is an inherent part of the program. Example programs show outside interdisciplinary input from Chemistry, Statistics, Business Administration, Economics, Sociology and Psychology. In essence, there is that component existing in the Master's program and there definitely will be in the Doctoral program.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Statement of Readiness in Clothing, Textiles and Related Arts. Motion passed. Division called for. Vote, 5 for, 4 against, 1 abstention. Dean Hoepner requested that his negative vote be recorded. (This action was taken after the discussion on Gerontology and the departure of Dr. Zentner and Dean Ritchey.)

5. Certificate in Gerontology

Dean Ritchey gave an overview of the proposal for a Certificate in Gerontology as follows:

1. Gerontology is a rapidly evolving area of study. Most universities are taking the approach that there will not be a Master's or a graduate degree in Gerontology.
2. The graduate degrees will remain in the basic areas and the certificate will superimpose on those areas of study, a group of courses which are related to aging.
3. Students will not be admitted for a certificate program, they must be admitted to regular study in a department.

Dean Ritchey went on to explain some of the requirements, including getting the students into the field by taking an internship, practicum, or independent study. For the student that has some experience with an agency, some other direction will be taken.

Dean Fabrycky thanked Dr. Zentner and Dean Ritchey for their presentations.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded to table the proposal in order to check with the appropriate departments mentioned in the document and seek commendation from the Commission on Aging or other appropriate State agencies with concern in the field. Motion passed.

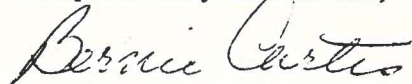
6. Approval of Faculty Authored Textbook

A motion was made and seconded to approve "Response Surface Methodology" by Dr. R. H. Meyers, Department of Statistics to be used in Statistics 5170, 6170 - Response Surface Analysis and Design. Motion passed.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bernie Curtis  
Acting Secretary