

CGC Meeting

December 8, 2016

Present: Danielle Devoss (WRAC), Lisa Schwartzman (PHL), Glenn Chambers (AAAS), Danny Mendez (RCS), Shannon Schweitzer (THR), Sue Gass (SLS), Blake Williams (AAHD), Kristin Rowe (student representative), Jessica Kane (student representative), Bill Hart-Davidson (Associate Dean)

Approvals: Today's agenda and minutes of November 10 were unanimously approved.

Action Items:

1. New Program—Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities Graduate Certificate (GRC2):
Guest Russell Lucas, Director of Global Studies. Global Studies is a college program that offers a global view to topics. It has been in existence for several years as an undergraduate minor. A number of the faculty are affiliated with graduate degrees across the college, although some are not. There is a core curriculum and it also emphasizes a language proficiency. Another core tenet is international experience, fulfilled through various methods: research, study abroad, internships with an organization with an international focus.
2. New Course—GSAH 850—this is a graduate version of the Global Studies undergraduate seminar.

Associate Dean Hart-Davidson made a motion to approve both as a package, moved by Professor Schwartzman and seconded by Professor Devoss. Professor Gass asked how the language testing would be administered, and Professor Lucas said that would be by a test, which will have to be worked out as an arrangement between Global Studies and CeLTA. Ms. Kane asked how students could fulfill the international component. Hart-Davidson said there were several ways: leading a study abroad, taking a graduate study abroad course, if a student won a SCRAM, as examples. Some units have this component built in, such as AAAS. Hart-Davidson asked Lucas how in a given semester, Global Studies would make students aware of courses that might count toward the graduate course credits. He said that the affiliated faculty would let him know about courses that are being offered in their home units that would apply toward this. Ms. Kane asked how cohesive this could be if for example, a student had proficiency in French, but did a study abroad in Greece. Professor Lucas responded that was always up to the student's advisor as to how cohesive the elements might be. Professor Chambers commented that he noted that one of the options to fulfill the international experience piece is an internship, in which the student has to contribute to a project, which AAAS has.

Hart-Davidson also added that a question he had brought up with Professor Lucas is staffing, since Global Studies has no faculty of its own. He said in staffing terms, they would have to pull a faculty member from an undergraduate course to teach the graduate course. He said theoretically in the first year, if there were not enough graduate students, the 850 course might need to be done as a 450 course. Schwartzman said that in Women and Gender Studies, there was a 400-level seminar for years that the graduate students were not interested in, as it lacked substance. Chambers asked if Global Studies has discussed funding for the students to fulfill their international experience. Currently the program has scholarships for the undergraduate experience. They also encourage internships with organizations having a global mission, such as working with refugees. He expects that graduate students may be able to apply for undergraduate scholarships.

Gass called the question. Both the course and program were unanimously approved.

Announcements:

1. Top Recruit Awards—
 - a. CAL Scholar Awards are one-time awards used to create a recruitment incentive to retain an especially promising candidate. Generally, it is a summer fellowship. It is meant to keep candidates from being lost to competitive offers.
 - b. Top Recruits—Candidates put forth for UDF/UEF are automatically put in this competition. Schwartzman asked if the committees should rank the candidates selected for UDF/UEF for Top Recruits. Hart-Davidson replied they might need to. Professor Williams asked if Art had to do anything other than they already did, and Hart-Davidson replied no. Top Recruit is also an award that Theatre could put students up for, since their deadlines are later than any other units. Hart-Davidson said that he would think more of a rating system and let the group know in January. Williams asked if Theatre got a later deadline, since AAHD is having a split deadline this year, could they as well? Hart-Davidson said he would think about it, because if he did it for AAHD, he would have to allow it for every unit. Hart-Davidson suggested that AAHD put forward students that made the first pass, and Williams was agreeable to it. These awards are for the most competitive students, and Hart-Davidson asked the units document the offers as best they can, in hopes that CAL can make a match.
2. The Ruth Simms Hamilton TIAA CREF Merit Fellowship is available for current graduate students to apply. All MSU doctoral students whose research is related to the African Diaspora are eligible.
3. Hart-Davidson asked if there were any further announcements. Schwartzman asked when the deadline was for Dissertation Completion Fellowships. Hart-Davidson said it's February 13, 2017.

Discussion Items:

1. Follow up on Grad Plan and reminder to get names of Approvers for Degree Audit to Hart-Davidson's secretary, Janet. Gass commented that the students have been using

Grad Plan. In general, the members requested that the same people who have access in Grad Plan should have it for Degree Audit.

2. Reminder from the Graduate School regarding thesis and dissertation submission (December 14).

Roundtable

1. Devoss asked what data might be needed for annual review. Hart-Davidson said he is planning to show the directors data about how funding has been spent, and ask the units for information in each category of spending. Gass and Schwartzman asked what sort of information the college would like for this. This will be part of the end of the year process. Hart-Davidson is planning a prototype to show the group in February or March.
2. Professor Mendez asked if there were any RCR updates, and Hart-Davidson said that there were none that he was aware of. Williams asked if the graduate students could log into the CITI modules now, and Hart-Davidson said yes.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:20