

## GAAC: Graduate Academic Advisory Committee of the UAF Faculty Senate

2011-09-20 Meeting Minutes

Present:

Voting: Orion Lawlor, Vincent Cee, Elisabeth Nadin, Chung-Sang Ng, Donie Bret-Harte, Lara Horstmann-Dehn

Ex officio: Timothy Bartholomaeus, Anita Hughes, Laura Bender, Larry Duffy

Visitors: Carol Gering (ED 653 instructor)

Excused: Sue Renes

Absent: Xiong Zhang

Regarding carry over course 115-GNC/CHEM 671, Donie will continue to follow up with the instructor.

Regarding the M. Ed. in Instructional Technology Innovation ([GAAC 100-108](#)), a GAAC subcommittee consisting of Vincent, Tim, Orion, and Sue reviewed the updated syllabi for these courses. One brief comment is that “office hours” are implicitly in Alaska standard time: for world-wide students, the time zone should probably be listed explicitly. GAAC welcomes the addition of three synchronous meeting times during the semester for these distance delivered courses, and appreciates the effort the Education department has put into addressing GAAC's concerns. Based on these revisions, GAAC approved GNC 104-108: ED 653, 654, 655, 676, and 677. GAAC also approved the new concentration for M.Ed. in Instructional Technology Innovation.

Regarding [GAAC 61-92](#), the dozens of one credit courses and new certificate in construction management that Bob Perkins is putting together, a subcommittee consisting of Elisabeth, Chung-Sang, and Xiong reviewed the courses. Elisabeth talked with some of the instructors about GAAC's spring 2011 suggestion to renumber the courses. It appears renumbering to the 500 level is not appropriate, because BOR regulations stipulate that such courses cannot be applied to a graduate certificate. However, GAAC still has serious concerns that the courses as described are missing the rigorous journal-level reading and writing of a more typical graduate course. GAAC would also like to see an actual syllabus, including the actual assigned readings and a more detailed schedule. It was also unclear how the repetition for credit would be implemented to be useful for students. Discussions are ongoing, and will continue next meeting.

Regarding example syllabus for "EGG 637", after a few corrections GAAC approved this example syllabus to be posted to the faculty senate website. Lara agreed to prepare a Format 1 for this course by November.

GAAC, acting as the graduate school's curriculum council, approved the proposed LAS 693 special topics course “Data Analysis: Mixed Methods Approach”.

Discussions will continue electronically, but GAAC's next meeting will be Tuesday, October 25, at 3pm.