
AGENDA ITEM 1 - 2 ARE INCLUDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL NOT BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING.

1. Information on Undergraduate Programs

A. Penn State Altoona

1) Bachelor of Arts Degree in Visual Art Studies: New Program

The new major will offer a distinct approach to art in the context of a liberal arts education. The Visual Art Studies major will enable students to learn fundamental techniques and concepts common within the visual arts with an emphasis in creative problem solving through advanced investigations of artistic themes and issues. The new program will become effective Summer 2007.

B. Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

1) Minor in Operations & Supply Chain Management: New Minor

This new minor will enable students in engineering and engineering technology to augment their majors with further studies in operations and supply chain management. The minor will acquaint students with issues and methods associated with managing operations within manufacturing or service industries. The new minor will become effective Summer 2007.

2. Information on Graduate Programs

A. Master of Professional Studies in Community and Economic Development (via the World Campus) in the College of Agricultural Sciences: New Program

The proposal to offer the Master of Professional Studies in Community and Economic Development (via the World Campus) in the College of Agricultural Sciences was approved by the Graduate Council at its March 21, 2007 meeting.

The professional master's program responds to the growing demand for professionals with an applied and multidisciplinary understanding of community and economic development; and will enable professionals to complete advanced training on-line without relocating. The Master of Professional Studies degree requires 30 graduate credits including completion of seven core courses in which the student learns and applies sociological and economic concepts to issues in community and economic development; and a final integrated experience. Graduates of the program will have had instruction in economic planning and development; municipal finance; land use and population change; community structure, organization and process; leadership; community decision-making and capacity building.

2. Information on Graduate Programs (Continued)**B. Master of Agriculture Degree Program in Entomology in the College of Agricultural Sciences: Drop of Program**

The proposal to drop the Master of Agriculture degree program in Entomology in the College of Agricultural Sciences was approved by the Graduate Council at its February 21, 2007 meeting.

The Master of Agriculture degree program in Entomology has been inactive for a number of years. Based on inactivity in the program, a recommendation that the degree program be discontinued was made by the Graduate Council Subcommittee on Program Review and Evaluation following an internal review of Penn State's graduate programs conducted in the 2004-05 academic year.

C. Master of Professional Studies in Supply Chain Management (via the World Campus) in The Mary Jean and Frank P. Smeal College of Business: New Program

The proposal to offer the Master of Professional Studies in Supply Chain Management (via the World Campus) in The Mary Jean and Frank P. Smeal College of Business was approved by the Graduate Council at its March 21, 2007 meeting.

The Master of Professional Studies degree program in Supply Chain Management is designed as an interdisciplinary program for working professionals. The program will emphasize problem-solving competencies and leadership skills that are critical to leading business transformations through integrated supply chain planning and execution. Students will receive instruction on-line and in a short course at an on- or off-campus location. The program requires the completion of 30 graduate credits in supply chain management courses along with the completion of a professional paper as the culminating experience, which demonstrates the student's ability to apply advanced supply chain management knowledge to a problem or situation in a way that contributes to the student's professional development.

D. Master of Business Administration at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College: Change in Program

The proposal to change requirements for the Master of Business Administration at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College was approved by the Graduate Council at its March 21, 2007 meeting.

The change in requirements to the Master of Business Administration degree program include a change in admissions requirements--the required GMAT score has been raised to increase the quality of incoming students. In addition, the requirement that a student complete a minimum of 3 credits of internship if they do not have prior work experience has been removed as there are not enough appropriate internships available to students and alternatives (co-ops, assistantships, etc.) are now being used; and three additional credits have been added to the advanced required courses to improve students' knowledge of finance.

2. Information on Graduate Programs (Continued)**E. Master of Arts Degree Program in American Studies at Penn State Harrisburg: Change in Program**

The proposal to change requirements for the Master of Arts degree program in American Studies at Penn State Harrisburg was approved by the Graduate Council at its February 21, 2007 meeting.

The change in requirements for the Master of Arts degree in American Studies provides for more graduate seminars for students and better reflects the expanded scope of the discipline. The changes include a clear distinction between the M.A. thesis and project capstone experiences providing thesis research experience for students interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in the field; and designation of AMSTD 591 (seminar) as a requirement for students at the end of their graduate work providing an additional research opportunity. In response to changes in the field and to provide more topical classes for students, a number of new courses have also been proposed in the American Studies program.

F. Option in Cell and Developmental Biology in the Intercollege Graduate Program in Integrative Biosciences: Drop of Option

The proposal to drop the option in Cell and Developmental Biology in the Intercollege Graduate Program in Integrative Biosciences was approved by the Graduate Council at its February 21, 2007 meeting.

A review of the option in Cell and Developmental Biology determined that it was successful enough to become a stand alone, independent intercollege graduate degree program. Thus, the option has been replaced by an intercollege graduate degree program in Cell and Developmental Biology, as reported to the Board in March 2007.

G. Doctoral Minor in Latina/o Studies in the College of the Liberal Arts: New Program

The proposal to offer a new doctoral minor in Latina/o Studies in the College of the Liberal Arts was approved by the Graduate Council at its March 21, 2007 meeting.

Latina/o Studies has become an important area of study at major universities throughout the United States. The graduate minor facilitates interdisciplinary study and will focus on the particular conditions shaping the lives of Latinas/os in the U.S. Courses in the minor recognize the connection between Latinas/os and other racial and ethnic groups; as well as the influences of gender, sexuality, religion, class and language. The minor consists of a minimum of 15 graduate credits and draws on courses across many departments; and a representative of the minor will participate on the student's doctoral committee.

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3. Proposed Change in Name of the Department of Energy and Geo-Environmental Engineering to the Department of Energy and Mineral Engineering, College of Earth and Mineral Sciences

The Department produces problem solvers for the production, processing and utilization of energy and minerals as well as the associated environmental, health, safety, and business management sub-fields. It is proposed to rename the Department of Energy and Geo-Environmental Engineering (EGEE) in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences to the Department of Energy and Mineral Engineering to reflect the majors in the department, the primary industries we serve, our rich heritage and forward-looking future. The current EGEE Department was formed in 1998 by merging the Fuel Science Program and the Mineral Engineering Department that was home to the mining engineering, petroleum and natural gas engineering, and geo-environmental engineering degree programs. At that time because of the rapid growth in the Geo-Environmental Engineering major, which has since been renamed Environmental Systems Engineering, the name Energy and Geo-Environmental Engineering was adopted. This caused the fuel science and mineral engineering programs to lose significant visibility. In addition, focusing on the associated and secondary industries and disciplines (e.g., environmental) rather than the primary industries (energy and minerals) did little to enhance visibility and promote growth and a sustained vision. The proposal has been favorably reviewed by faculty in related units, the dean of the college, and by the University Faculty Senate Council.

Will the Committee on Educational Policy recommend to the Board of Trustees adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves the change in name of the Department of Energy and Geo-Environmental Engineering to the Department of Energy and Mineral Engineering in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences effective immediately.

4. Recommendation for Approval of Administrative Appointment

Will the Committee on Educational Policy recommend to the Board of Trustees adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves President Graham B. Spanier's appointment of Dr. William E. Easterling III as Dean of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences effective July 1, 2007.

5. Informational Report on the Schreyer Honors College

Dr. Christian M. M. Brady, Dean of the Schreyer Honors College and associate professor of classics and ancient Mediterranean studies and Jewish studies, will discuss the status of the Schreyer Honors College and his vision for the future of the College.

6. Informational Report on Adult Learners at Penn State

Dr. Craig D. Weidemann, Vice President for Outreach, Dr. Anita D. McDonald, Chancellor of Penn State DuBois, and Ms. Martha H. Jordan, Director of Adult Learner Advocacy, will discuss Penn State's efforts to provide a path to postsecondary success for adult learners. Adult students Christina Edmonds, Keith Hardin, and David Kucirka will discuss their perspectives.

7. Informational Report on the University Faculty Senate

Dr. Joanna B. Floros, Immediate Past Chair of the University Faculty Senate and Evan Pugh Professor of Cellular and Molecular Physiology, Pediatrics, and Obstetrics and Gynecology in the College of Medicine, will provide the annual report on the 2006-2007 activities of the University Faculty Senate.

8. Pending Legal Matters

An informational report will be presented on pending legal matters relating to policies normally considered by the Committee on Educational Policy.