Dear Vesta (and Pat or Kirsten if you see this first),

Your proposal to create a Graduate Specialization (Cultural Policy and Arts Management) in the doctoral program in Art Education for those students who pursue a curriculum that includes “the cluster of courses that students in the Master’s degree program in Arts Policy and Administration can select from as part of their interdisciplinary studies” has been endorsed, in principle, by the Curriculum Committee of the Graduate Council. I would like to tee it up for approval by the full Council at its meeting next week (May 9th) and, from there, send it on to Randy Smith for reporting purposes which would end the approval process. Towards that end, could I get a quick response to a seemingly simple question that the Curriculum Committee would like addressed in preparation for their presentation of the proposal to the full Council next week?

Specifically, your proposal states, “In addition to this specialized cluster of courses, students pursuing this specialization also undertake to write their dissertation on a subject in the area of cultural policy and the arts or in arts management even though their Ph.D. degree” is earned in the Art Education program. The Committee would like to know the process through which you decide when this criterion is met. Is this left to the advisor? The GSC Chair? The full GSC? I’m sure there is a process that will be in place and that it will be relatively straightforward—but we simply need to know what that process is to bring closure to the proposal and its approval process.

Thanks, in advance, for your prompt response. I’d very much like to include this on next week’s agenda for the Graduate Council of Curriculum Committee items going forward and endorsed for approval.

Best,
elliot

PS. Somewhat relatedly, is this a first step towards proposing a standalone doctoral program in the area of Arts Policy and Administration/Cultural Policy and Arts management? It seems that you are relatively close to having that in place with this. Let’s discuss, at some point, if you wish.

Cheers,
elliot
Department of Art Education
Graduate Specialization Transcript Designation
Cultural Policy & Arts Management

This is to certify that __________________________________________
has completed all requirements for the Graduate Specialization transcript designation of
Cultural Policy & Arts Management identified by the Graduate Studies Committee
and approved by the Graduate School.

☐ The student’s dissertation topic is in the area of cultural policy and the arts or in arts management

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Dissertation Title

The student has completed 4 of the following courses:

☐ AE 670 Public Policy & the Arts
☐ AE 672 Managing Cultural Policy Change
☐ AE 681 Arts/Cultural Institutions, Organizational Theories & Management Practice
☐ AE 704 Histories and Policies of Arts Education
☐ AE 781 Arts Participation, Cultural Literary, and Audience Development
☐ AE 795 The Creative Sector & Creative Cities
☐ AE 795 International Cultural Relations
☐ AE 795 Concepts, Theories, and Issues in Arts/Culture Policy
☐ AE 795 Arts/Cultural Organizations: Resource Management and Revenue Streams
☐ AE 795 Overview of Research Planning for Arts Policy & Administration
☐ AE 803 Critical Theory and Cultural Studies of Policy Research and Practice

The student is registered for the following course:

☐ AE 999 Research in Art Education: Dissertation

The student must fill out the Student Information section of the attached form before forwarding to the Graduate Studies Committee Chair.

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Signature, Advisor          Date
Graduate Council
May 9, 2011
226 University Hall
Meeting Minutes

Graduate Council Members Present:
Jo Arena, Ana Azevedo, Theresa Early, Bernadette Minton, Margaret Newell, John Oberdick, Roberto Rojas, Mike Vasey, Harald Vaessin

Graduate School Staff Present: Patrick Osmer, Ann Salimbene, Elliot Slotnick, Kathleen Wallace, Susan Reeser (recorder)

A. Approval of Minutes
• Dean Osmer called the meeting to order and asked for a review of the minutes from the March 14, 2011, Graduate Council meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

B. Announcements – Dean Pat Osmer
• Gave an overview of the Graduate School’s quarterly meeting on May 3 saying that there was good discussion and questions about policies and new initiatives.

• Reported on the Graduate School’s efforts to keep the campus informed about policy changes and upcoming issues through the newsletter and blog. Dean Osmer mentioned that he’d received thoughtful comments and ideas from faculty on the blog.

• Reported that a revision of the NRC report was recently released and that the rankings of many Ohio State programs improved in the revised report. Information about the updated NRC data table is posted on the Graduate School’s website at: http://gradsch.osu.edu/nrc-releases-revised-data-table.html.

• Reported on the turnout and discussion that took place at the open forum on professionally oriented master’s programs on April 15. Provost Alutto, Professor Craig Davis (School of Environment and Natural Resources), and Professor Steve Mangum (Fisher College of Business) each spoke about the importance and success of the professionally oriented master’s programs already in place and the opportunities for additional programs that can respond to state and business needs. Associate Dean Elliot Slotnick will facilitate two small, working sessions for graduate faculty who are interested in developing a professionally oriented master’s programs. The sessions will be on Friday, May 13, 9:30-10:30 a.m., and on Monday, May 16, 3:30-4:30 p.m. in 226 University Hall. Notes on the forum are posted at: http://gradsch.osu.edu/summary-april-15-open-forum-professionally-oriented-masters.html.

C. Business
1. Associate Dean Slotnick reported on several requests made to the Graduate School to pursue a 2nd Ph.D. degree. These requests have prompted the question if the policy on the pursuit of a second Ph.D. degree is acceptable or needs to be revised. Dean Slotnick said that previously the Graduate School discouraged the 2nd Ph.D. Council determined that the 1991 guidelines presently in place are fine but that the wording stating that the Graduate School discourages the pursuit of a 2nd Ph.D. degree should be removed. Council also felt that the policy should be noted in the handbook. Dean Slotnick will revise the policy for review at the next meeting.

2. The Graduate School is seeking to raise the GPA requirement from 3.0 to 3.3 for Senior Petition eligibility. The Senior Petition allows a senior-level undergraduate student to take
courses numbered 800 and above. This change is being requested to prevent students from taking courses they may not be well-prepared for. Council approved raising the GPA to 3.3.

3. Dean Osmer said that he will be preparing a draft blog posting about doctoral education in the 21st century and would like to get Council’s thoughts and comments. He stressed the importance of asking the right questions about doctoral educations such as: 1) how best to prepare students for an academic career, 2) how to best prepare them for a non-academic career, and 3) how many doctoral students should we be preparing. Dean Osmer referenced an article about the doctoral degree in The Economist magazine called “The disposable academic: why doing a Ph.D. is often a waste of time,” December 16th 2010, http://www.economist.com/node/17723223. Dean Osmer asked Council for their input.

4. Dean Slotnick presented a request from the Department of English to permanently exempt applicants to the MFA program in Creative Writing from submitting GRE scores for the University Fellowship competition. This change will make the creative writing program requirements similar to those for the other MFA performing and portfolio based arts programs. Some Council members questioned how much weight the GRE should be given in the fellowship competition overall and some expressed concern that other programs, e.g., those in engineering, weren’t being exempted from similar requirements. Council approved the proposal with 1 member voting against.

D. Graduate Council Curriculum Committee Reports and Actions — Theresa Early, Liaison

1. Proposal to approve two transcript designations (graduate specializations) for Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner and for Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner programs
2. Proposal to create a transcript designation (graduate specialization) in College and University Teaching in the College of Education and Human Ecology
3. Proposal to create a Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in South Asian Studies from the Division of Arts and Humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences
4. Proposal to create a transcript designation (graduate specialization) for Cultural Policy and Arts Management in Art Education

➢ Professor Early explained the rationale and review process for each of the above proposals and answered questions from Council members. Each of the proposals were individually approved by the Graduate Council and will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.

E. Other

Associate Dean Slotnick presented briefly the guidelines for the Graduate School’s Graduate Certificate Program and the Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Studies (RACGS) requirements. He said that Ohio State’s requirements are more stringent than those at the state level and that participants at Ohio State must be enrolled in a degree program. Dean Slotnick said that Ohio State will have to decide if students who are not enrolled in a degree program should receive a certificate for hours, courses, or programs completed. Programs such as agriculture, veterinary medicine, and business are clamoring to offer such certificate programs. Dean Slotnick said that this is a huge issue to consider because it will have budget, enrollment, quality assurance, and monitoring issues to consider. Council questioned if peer and benchmark institutions offer certificate programs and how they are handled. Dean Osmer said that he would value any comments or ideas about this topic.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.