

Faculty Meeting Minutes - PSM Internship (Frshwtr 980) Discussion

January 13, 2016 11:00 AM

Room #3093

Present: Harvey Bootsma, Michael Carvan, David Garman, John Janssen, Rebecca Klaper, Sandra McLellan, Ryan Newton, Paul Roebber, Jim Waples

Excused: Carmen Aguilar, Russell Cuhel, Dong-Fang Deng, Tim Grundl, Laodong Guo, Jerry Kaster, Jenny Kehl, Val Klump, Ryan Newton, Jhonatan Sepulveda, Matt Smith

Invited: Lindsay Frost, Mallory Kaul, Margret Petrie

PSM Internship Discussion (Frshwtr 980)

- Faculty discussed changing Frshwtr 980 to a course similar to an independent study, where a student will enroll in their faculty advisor's section and the faculty advisor will be responsible for grading.
- The grading structure for Frshwtr 980 should be changed from a letter grade to a satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade to enable students who don't take all three credits at once to enroll in the remaining credits without having an incomplete mark on their record. This should be the exception and not the rule. Students should only split credits when they need to enroll in a credit the semester they plan to graduation.
- It was suggested that Frshwtr 980 include three discussion meetings between the student and faculty advisor each semester.
- The evaluated components of Frshwtr 980 are:
 1. Proposal (approved by faculty advisor and internship supervisor)
 2. Discussion participation
 3. Midterm self/student and internship supervisor reviews
 4. Final internship supervisor review
 5. Paper, flyer, and presentation once the internship is complete
- Students are responsible for securing their own internships, not the faculty advisor nor the academics office.
- A face-to-face meeting is recommended between the internship supervisor and faculty advisor to discuss the midterm and final reviews.

Motion: Carvan motioned to accept the following changes to the PSM Internship Course (Frshwtr 980)

- ***Each faculty advisor will have a section for students to enroll under their advisement,***
- ***Faculty advisors will be responsible for evaluating and grading their students' internships and internship coursework (proposal, discussion, midterm self and supervisor review, final supervisor review, paper, flyer, presentation, and internship forms A and B),***
- ***The grading structure will be changed from a letter grade to satisfactory/unsatisfactory,***
- ***Faculty advisors, internship supervisors, and students should have a minimum of one face-to-face meeting during the student's internship.***

Newton seconded: 11 for (including 4 absentee votes) and 1 abstention. Motion passed.

- An updated syllabus will be needed in order to submit a CAR form for the grading structure change.

Additional UWM Funding (McLellan)

- McLellan asked the faculty to help create a presentation for Chancellor Mone to present to President Ray Cross about why UWM deserves additional funding and how water is an integral part of UWM (School of Freshwater Sciences, water stream idea with a water emphasis, and engineering with water).
- UWM (and SFS) should differentiate ourselves from UW-Madison. UWM (SFS) has immediate access to the inner harbor, engineering and management of water throughout Greater Milwaukee, aquaculture, the DNR, and MMSD).