

Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Advanced Horticulture
and the Associated 13 (unapproved) Courses
(PLS 630, PLS 631, PLS 632, PLS 633, PLS 634, PLS 635, PLS 636, PLS 637, PLS 638, PLS
639, PLS 640, PLS 641, PLS 643)

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Snippet from SC minutes on March 24, 2014:

ii. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Advanced Horticulture
Hippisley explained the proposal for a new Graduate Certificate in
Advanced Horticulture. Guest Robert Geneve (Agriculture/Horticulture)
assisted in answering questions from SC members.

Wood expressed concern that the proposal allowed a student already
enrolled in the existing Master's in Science in Integrated Plant and Soil
Sciences to earn the proposed new graduate certificate by virtue of
completing the master's degree requirements. Wood clarified that earning
a graduate certificate and then being admitted into a related graduate
degree program and transferring in nine credit hours from the certificate
was far different from earning the certificate while already admitted as a
master's degree or PhD student. That was never the intent of the
Senate's creation of graduate certificates.

There was extensive discussion regarding possible wording changes to
the section on the target student population. The intent was to restrict
participation to post-baccalaureate students while still satisfying the
requirements of the GREAT PLAINS AG*IDEA consortium, in which
students from member institutions across the country can also enroll in
the certificate. There was then a lot of discussion regarding the as-yet-
unapproved courses for the certificate, which will be shell courses through
which faculty from other institutions can teach and UK students who will
receive UK credit for the course. Geneve explained that a variety of UK
administrators signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) at the behest
of the Midwestern Consortium. Wood suggested that it would be very
helpful to see the language in the MOU.

Watt **moved** to send the proposal for a new Graduate Certificate in
Advanced Horticulture back to the Senate's Academic Programs
Committee. Day **seconded**. Wood clarified that the two issues to address
are as follows: clarify the relationship of the proposed new certificate to
those students currently enrolled in the Masters of Science in Integrated
Plant and Soil Sciences; and address the issue of offering a certificate by
faculty who do not have joint graduate faculty status at UK. A **vote** was
taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.