The Graduate Council met at 2:30 p.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room of the Sam Ingram Building. Jackie Eller presided as Chair.

I. Call to order

Members present:
Kevin James, Mary Lou Veal, Jane Marcellus, Medha Sarkar, Robert Kalwinsky, Ronald Ferrara, Dorothy Craig, Bren Martin, Gore Ervin, Clare Bratten, Vincent Smith and Chassen Haynes

Ex-Officio members present:
Michael Allen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Peter Cunningham, Interim Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Philip Phillips, Associate Professor, English

Guests present:
Greg Schmidt
James Huffman

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Jackie Eller, Chair

Dr. Eller welcomed the Council members and opened with introductions.

B. Dr. Michael Allen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Allen thanked all the Council members for giving of their time to serve on the committee.

Dr. Allen noted there was a 10.7% increase in graduate enrollment this semester, which brings the count to 2,615 graduate students. As more degree programs are proposed, there is a need for growth in the area of graduate assistantships. Currently, the M.S. in International Affairs is under review by the Tennessee Board of Regents. The external review of the Ph.D. in Math and Science Education is scheduled for October 6-7, 2008.

Dr. Allen stated that in order to maintain Carnegie classification, the current four Ph.D. programs will need to have at least 20 graduates each year.
C. Dr. Peter Cunningham, Interim Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Cunningham noted the College of Graduate Studies staff travels extensively to attend graduate school fairs and to visit individual colleges and universities. Special efforts are made to visit schools that have historically been feeder schools to our graduate programs. MTSU is becoming more widely known.

Dr. Cunningham stated that the recent Graduate Directors Workshop was a success with more than 20 different programs heavily represented in attendance. The Workshop was an opportunity for the College of Graduate Studies to relay recent changes in policy and give progress updates.

Dr. Cunningham reported that there are two Letters of Intent for Ph.D. degrees prepared. One is for a Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning, and the other is a Ph.D. in Psychology. Both will be in the Provost’s office within the next couple of days.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—June 6, 2008

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review
Dr. Kevin James, Chair

- Consent calendar attached
  
  A motion was made to accept the consent calendar. The motion was seconded and carried.

- Dr. James presented the Letter of Intent to establish a Ph.D. degree in Teaching and Learning for approval by the Council.
  
  A motion was made to accept the Letter of Intent for a Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning. The motion was seconded and carried.

- Dr. James presented the Letter of Intent to establish a Ph.D. degree in Psychology for approval by the Council.
  
  A motion was made to accept the Letter of Intent for a Ph.D. in Psychology. The motion was seconded and carried.

- Dr. Cunningham reported on the status of terminating the M.S. in HPER. The proposal to terminate the M.S. in HPER was approved last spring. The
original proposal included replacing the M.S. in HPER with the following: M.S. in Health, Behavior, and Promotion; M.S. in Physical Education Teaching; and an M.S. in Leisure and Sport Management. The external reviewers responded that while the same content will be covered, the M.S. in HPER should be replaced with the following: M.S. in Exercise Science; M.S. in Health and Human Performance; and an M.S. in Leisure and Sport Management. This revised proposal and current structure is now in the Provost’s office.

- The Council made a motion to ratify the above mentioned revised proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.

B. Student Affairs and Travel  
Dr. Bren Martin, Chair

- No report

C. Policies and Procedures  
Dr. Teri Davis, Chair

- Dr. Eller asked the committee to continue work that began last year on the Thesis and Dissertation Compensation Proposal.

D. Graduate Program Review  
Dr. Jane Marcellus, Chair

- No report

E. Catalog Committee  
Ad Hoc Only

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

Electing a Graduate Council Vice-Chair

- Nominations were accepted for Vice-Chair. Dr. Vincent Smith was nominated. A motion was made to accept the nomination of Dr. Vincent Smith as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and approved.

Graduate Assistants borrowing materials from the LRC
Currently, GAs do not have the same borrowing privileges as GTAs in the LRC. GTAs can check out materials with their own student identification cards while GAs must have their professor’s identification to do so. The Council voted that GAs, GRAs, and GTAs should all have the same borrowing privileges and be able to check out materials with their own student identification cards. Dr. Eller asked Dr. Cunningham to contact Dr. Connie Schmidt, Director of Instructional Tech Support Center, regarding making the borrowing privileges consistent across all categories of graduate assistants.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Hawkins, Recording Secretary
Graduate Council – Consent Calendar
September 24, 2008

Graduate Faculty Membership

**Adjunct**

Gerry Bosworth / Nursing
Stephanie Diaz / Health and Human Performance
Dianna Rust / Continuing Education and Distance Learning
Joyce Williams / Sociology and Anthropology
Janet McLean / Nursing

**Associate**

Michelle Bobbitt / Management and Marketing
Drew Cavin / Health and Human Performance
Dana Umscheid / Health and Human Performance
Amanda DiPaolo / Political Science
Meredith Dye / Sociology and Anthropology
Joy Green-Hadden / Nursing
Katherine Foss / Journalism
Warren Gill / Agribusiness and Agriscience

**Full – Initial Appointment**

Juanita Brooks / Computer Information Systems
Peter McCluskey / English
Felicia Miyakawa / Music
Loren Mulraine / Recording Industry
G. Robert Smith / Accounting
J. Jeremy Winters / Elementary and Special Education
Michael Fleming / Recording Industry

**Full – Re-Appointment**

Chong Chen / Engineering Technology
Ellen Donovan / English
John DuBois / Biology
Amy Jetton / Biology
Oscar Diaz-Ortiz / Foreign Languages and Literature
Brian Miller / Biology
Soraya Nogueira / Foreign Languages and Literature
Melodie Phillips / Management and Marketing
Cliff Ricketts / Agribusiness and Agriscience
Vincent Smith / Business Communication and Entrepreneurship
Jinfeng Yue / Management and Marketing
Dana Fuller / Psychology

**Doctoral - Initial Appointment**

Michael Neth / English
Alicia Renfroe / English

**Doctoral - Re-Appointment**

Patricia Bradley / English
Gaylord Brewer / English
Kevin Donovan / English
M. Jo Edwards / Health and Human Performance
Michael Sanger / Chemistry

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**Curriculum Changes**

**Political Science**

**Proposed New Course(s)**

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Elementary and Special Education

Proposed New Course(s)

ELED 6340  Introduction to Educational Research, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009
ELED 6350  Introduction to Qualitative Methods, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009
ELED 6390  STEM Education in the Elementary School, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

Education and Behavioral Science

Other-Letter of Intent Submitted

Letter of Intent  Establish a Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning, effective Fall 2009
Letter of Intent  Establish a Ph.D. in Psychology, effective Fall 2009

Health and Human Performance

Other-Admission Policy Change

M.S. in Exercise Science  Increase Graduate Record Exam score from 400 on verbal and quantitative to 450 on each section, effective Spring 2009

Proposed New Course(s)

PHED 6000  Adapted Physical Activity, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

Educational Leadership

Non-Substantive Revision in Curriculum of Existing Major, Minor, Emphasis

SPSE 6600 and FOED 6610 will be dropped from the Master of Education in Administration and Supervision, Specialization K-12. In their place will be SPSE 6550 (Supervised Field Experience) and SPSE 6560 (Studies in Education: Supervision).

Changes to be effective Fall 2009

Geosciences

Other-Termination of Certificate

Terminate Graduate Certificate Program in Geosciences, effective Spring 2009
Literacy Studies

Proposed New Course(s)

LITS 7110 Models of Literacy Assessment, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

Other

Remove all course listings for electives in the Occupational Health and Safety concentration, effective Spring 2009

Course Number/Title Change

ETIS shortened the department name to Engineering Technology (ET) in July 2008. Because of the name change, the course prefixes will change from ETIS to ET, effective Spring 2009