GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
October 29, 2008

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, Leslie Merritt and Teri Davis

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

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Jackie Eller, Chair

Dr. Eller called the meeting to order.

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

Dr. Allen stated that the two PhD proposals for Computational Science and Molecular Biosciences are on TBR’s agenda for the December meeting.

Dr. Allen noted that it will be difficult to begin new programs during the current economic state as budgets are cut.

C. Dr. Peter Cunningham, Interim Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Cunningham reported that there are currently two feasibility studies being conducted. The two degree proposals include a Master of Science in Management and a Master’s in Human Services. The proposals do not require any additional funding because of the ability to reconfigure existing courses.
III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—September 24, 2008

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

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

• Dr. James noted that the current offering of Graduate Minors may need to be restructured so that the required 12 semester hours are more concentrated. As it is outlined on page 59 of the 2008-2010 Graduate Catalog, there are three patterns of minors from which a candidate must choose:

1. A single minor consisting of at least 12 semester hours; 12 undergraduate hours in an area are prerequisite to a single minor in that area at the master’s level.

2. A minor consisting of a minimum of 6 semester hours in each of two subjects.

3. The distributive minor consisting of a minimum of 12 semester hours in at least three subjects.

• Dr. Eller asked the Policy and Procedures subcommittee to review the matter of Graduate Minors.

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

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

• Dr. Martin reported the Graduate Program Enhancement Travel Budget has awarded travel funds to 23 graduate students and 17 faculty members this semester. The available balance (with encumbrances) is $14,489.00.

• A motion was made to accept the Graduate Program Enhancement Budget as reported. The motion was seconded and carried.
C. Policies and Procedures
Dr. Teri Davis, Chair

- Dr. Davis requested feedback from the Council on the Thesis and Dissertation Compensation Proposal. Dr. Eller instructed each member of the Council to gather information about how each of their own departments currently handles summer compensation for theses and dissertations. It will be important to work towards proposing a compensation plan that is uniform across all campus departments.

- A motion was made for the council members to solicit the above information from their respective departments within the next two weeks, so that the Policy and Procedures subcommittee will have time to process the information before the next Council meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

D. Graduate Program Review
Dr. Jane Marcellus, Chair

- No report

E. Catalog Committee
Ad Hoc Only

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Hawkins, Recording Secretary
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Graduate Faculty Membership

Adjunct
Derek Frisby / History
Carol Thigpin / Dyslexic Studies

Associate
George Houp / English
Mark Jackson / English
Marcus Knight / Engineering Technology
William Leggett / Sociology and Anthropology
Julie Myatt / English
David Pruett / Music

Full – Initial Appointment
Susan Hopkirk / English
Lesley Craig-Unkefer / Elementary and Special Education

Full – Re-Appointment
Ronald Aday / Sociology and Anthropology
Frank Bailey / Biology
Kurt Blum / Biology
John Bodle / Journalism
Robert Hunt / History
Steve Jones / Psychology
James Rust / Psychology
Stephen Schmidt / Psychology
Suk Jai Seo / Computer Science
Rajesh Srivastava / Management and Marketing
Tom Strawman / English

Doctoral - Initial Appointment
Mark Ivy / Health and Human Performance
Curriculum Changes

Political Science

Proposed New Course(s)

P S 5260  Political Status of Women in the World, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2009
P S 5310  Comparative Asian Government, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009
P S 5770  Russian Politics, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009
P S 5900  Latin American Politics, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

Elementary and Special Education

Proposed New Course(s)

ELED 6252  Technologies that Invite and Adapt: Teaching and Learning in a Media World, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009
ELED 6253  Web-Based Multimedia Development for Elementary and Middle School, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

Health and Human Performance

Other – Dual List Doctoral Level Course

LSM 7670  Behavioral Concepts in Recreation and Leisure Services, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009, to be dual listed with existing LSM 6670

Other – Add Specialization

Ph.D. in Human Performance  Add specialization in Kinesmetrics, effective Spring 2009

Nursing

Proposed New Course(s)

NURS 6410  Informatics Practicum, 4 credit hours, effective Spring 2009
ET

Other

Inactivate Industrial Studies minor in Master’s Program, effective Spring 2009

Change title of degree from Master of Science in Engineering Technology and Industrial Studies to Master of Science in Engineering Technology, effective Spring 2009

Proposed New Course(s)

ET 6300 PMI Project Management, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

Inactivation of Course(s)

ETIS 6110 Designing for Economical Production, effective Fall 2009
ETIS 6180 Seminar in Industrial Quality Developments, effective Fall 2009
ETIS 6370 Computer-Integrated Design and Manufacturing, effective Fall 2009

Economics and Finance

Other

Economics of Education  De-Activate this field, effective Spring 2009

ECON 7390 Social Insurance, Pensions, and Benefits
No longer required to complete labor economics as a major field, effective Spring 2009

ECON 6100 Mathematical Methods for Economists
To be offered in the summer of year 1 instead of the fall of year 1, effective Spring 2009

ECON 6105 Advanced Mathematical Methods for Economics
To be placed on the schedule of Ph.D. requirements for fall of year 1, effective Spring 2009

Course Number/Title Change

ECON 5990 Change course title from Problems in Economics to Independent Study in Economics, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

FIN 5990 Change course title from Problems in Finance to Independent Study in Finance, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009
FIN 6440  Change course title and course number from Readings in Finance to Independent Study in Finance (FIN 6990), 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

ECON 6440  Change course title and course number from Special Topics in Economics to Independent Study in Economics (ECON 6990), 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

Change in Grading System

ECON 5890  Internship in Economics
  Change grading to pass/fail, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

FIN 5890  Internship in Finance
  Change grading to pass/fail, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

Human Sciences

Course Number/Title Change

Change course number from NFS 5290 Dietetic Practicum to NFS 5400 Dietetic Practicum, effective Spring 2009

Change course title from NFS 5221 Food Systems Management I Lab to NFS 5221 Food Systems Management Lab, effective Spring 2009

Change course title from NFS 5220 Food Systems Management I to NFS 5220 Food Systems Management, effective Spring 2009

Change course title from NFS 5250 Child Nutrition to NFS 5250 Maternal Child Nutrition, effective Spring 2009

Change course number and title from NFS 5280 Food Systems Management II to NFS 5222 Nutrition and Food Service Management, effective Spring 2009
Psychology

Change in Credit Hours

Reduce the number of credit hours from 46 to 43 as the requirement for the Industrial/Organizational concentration of the M.A. in Psychology, effective Spring 2009

Other

Allow the Professional in Human Resources exam to be substituted for the Industrial/Organizational comprehensive exam, effective Spring 2009

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

Expand the course options comprising the M.A. in Psychology, Experimental concentration core:

Change PSY 6120 Developmental Psychology: Child (or 6130 if the student has had a course in Child Psychology, e.g., PSY 4190) to:

PSY 6120 (Developmental Psychology: Child), 6130 (Developmental Psychology: Adolescent), or 6410 (Development Across the Lifespan)

Change PSY 6670 Literature Review and Reading in Psychology: Behavioral Neuroscience to:

Literature Review and Reading in Psychology (one of the following): 6590 (General/Experimental), 6670 (Behavioral Neuroscience), 6680 (Cognitive), 6700 (Developmental), 6720 (Learning), 6730 (Personality), 6740 (Reading), 6790 (Sensation and Perception), 6810 (Social)

Change the PSY 5420 requirement to:

PSY 6810 (Literature Review and Reading in Psychology: Social) or PSY 6020 (Personality)