

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

September 24, 2010

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

I. Call to Order

Members present:

Kathy Burriss, Michaele Chappell, Clay Cotham, Kevin Donovan, Gore Ervin, Michael Hein, Vicky MacLean, Bren Martin, Don Morgan, Jason Reineke, Craig Rice, and Greg Schmidt

Ex-Officio members present:

Michael Allen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies
John Vile, Dean, Honors College

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Clare Bratten, Chair

Dr. Bratten welcomed the Council members and offered appreciation for the group's willingness to serve. Dr. Bratten opened with introductions.

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

Dr. Allen informed the Council that for every percentage point increase in student enrollment the state gives \$1M in support. The Council was reminded of the importance of being careful that our programs do not become low-producing.

Dr. Allen reported that there has been a significant increase in international enrollment. This year, we have about 400 international graduate students. In the past few years, our international enrollment has been around 270-290 graduate students.

Dr. Allen noted that Provost Bartel has identified funds for tenure-track faculty travel.

The Vice Provost for International Affairs (VPIA) search is currently underway. Dr. Allen is Chair of the search committee.

C. Dr. Peter Cunningham, 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. The College of Graduate Studies has focused heavily on international student recruitment but recognizes the need to focus on domestic recruiting as well. Dr. Cunningham is open to local travel with Council members to work closely with neighboring colleges to promote our programs.

Dr. Cunningham stated that we currently have 3,030 graduate students. The goal is to have 15% (4,000 of current enrollment) of all MTSU students be graduate students.

Dr. Cunningham reported that THEC has approved the M.S. in Horse Science to begin in January 2011. There are still three new master's program proposals still awaiting THEC's review: Information Systems, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and International Affairs.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—May 24, 2010

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the May 24, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

**A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review
Dr. John DiVincenzo, Chair**

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

**B. Student Affairs and Travel
Dr. Vicky MacLean, Chair**

- Dr. MacLean reported that there have been nine travel applications approved. The committee will meet on October 7th to discuss streamlining the application process and finding dedicated space for graduate students.

**C. Policies and Procedures
Dr. Vince Smith, Chair**

- No report

D. Graduate Program Review
Dr. Kevin Donovan, Chair

- This year, there will be three graduate programs under review: Criminal Justice Administration, Sociology, and History.

V. Old Business

- Currently, there is no summer compensation for thesis and dissertation supervision. Last year, the Council sent forth a Thesis and Dissertation Compensation Proposal to remedy the lack of summer compensation. This proposal has moved to the Dean's Cabinet for review and approval.

VI. New Business

- Electing a Graduate Council Vice-Chair

Nominations were accepted for Vice-Chair. Dr. Craig Rice volunteered. A motion was made to accept the nomination of Dr. Rice as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and approved.

- The Council discussed the need for a Graduate Student Association. Dr. Bratten charged the Student Affairs and Travel Committee with identifying graduate student leaders in order to move forward with establishing a Graduate Student Association. Dr. MacLean and representatives from departments with existing graduate student organizations agreed to meet as an ad hoc committee to discuss a campus-wide Graduate Student Association. Those agreeing to serve with Dr. MacLean on this ad hoc committee were Gore Ervin, Kevin Donovan, Bren Martin, and Michael Hein.
- Dr. Bratten also charged the Student Affairs and Travel Committee with researching the subject of increasing stipends for GTAs.
- The Council discussed the need for all GTAs to be proficient in the English language. Dr. Bratten charged the Policies and Procedures Committee with exploring ways to determine language proficiency in GTAs and ways to improve their spoken English.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Hawkins, Recording Secretary

Graduate Council – Consent Calendar September 24, 2010

Graduate Faculty Membership

Adjunct

Renata B. Alexandre-Kloss / Health & Human Performance
Laura M. Carpenter / Sociology & Anthropology
M. Tara Joyce / Dyslexic Studies
Karla S. Luker / Nursing
Pamela A. Marks-Shulman / Human Sciences
Jenni R. Stracener / Nursing
Terri J. Tharp / Elementary & Special Education
Dellmar Walker / Human Sciences
Timothy K. Webb / Educational Leadership

Associate

Deborah G. Belcher / Human Sciences
Kelly S. Bloom / Health & Human Performance
Janis Brickey / Human Sciences
John M. Coons / Health & Human Performance
Mark C. Frame / Psychology
Rebecca B. King / English
Theresa M. McBreen / Foreign Languages & Literature
Shelly E. Turner / Nursing

Full – Reappointment

Janet M. Colson / Human Sciences

Doctoral – Initial

Jeanne G. Fain / Elementary & Special Education
Christopher R. Herlihy / Biology
Andrew A. Owusu / Health & Human Performance
John F. Wallin / Physics and Astronomy

Curriculum Changes

Accounting

Proposed New Course

ACTG 6580 International Financial Reporting Standards, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2011

Elementary and Special Education

Inactivation of Course(s)

ELED 6011 The Teacher as Reflective Practitioner, effective Fall 2010

Course Number/Title Change

ELED 7290 Change title of course **from** Inquiry in the Classroom **to** *Inquiry and Problem-Based Learning*; change catalog description, effective Fall 2010

Engineering Technology

Inactivation of Course(s)

ETIS 5490 Topics in Industrial Technology, effective Fall 2010

ETIS 5700 Industrial Topics, effective Fall 2010

ETIS 5790 Shop Problems, effective Fall 2010

Political Science

Inactivation of Course(s)

PS 5260 Applied Public Administration, effective Fall 2010

Sociology and Anthropology

Inactivation of Course(s)

SOC 5170 The Social Context of Southern Music, effective Fall 2010

Literacy Studies

Changes in Credit Hours

LITS 7330 Special Topics in Literacy
Change from 3 credit hours to variable 1-3 credit hours, effective Spring 2011

Change in Admission to Program (Major)

Remove Spring Admission due to availability of core courses and the order in which the courses should be taken, effective Spring 2011