

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

January 27, 2012

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

I. Call to Order

Members present:

Helen Binkley, Kathy Burriss, Larry Burriss, Michaele Chappell, Vince Cobb, Cosette Collier, Kristen Deathridge, Jamie Fuston, Kevin Donovan, Amy Hennington, Donald Lester, Vicky MacLean, David Penn, Jason Reineke, and Greg Schmidt

Ex-Officio members present:

Michael Allen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Craig Rice, Chair

Dr. Rice opened the meeting. Dr. Rice introduced graduate student, Jamie Fuston, who will now serve on the Graduate Council.

B. Dr. Michael Allen, Dean

Dr. Allen reported that there are 23 PhD students expected to graduate this year.

C. Dr. Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean

Dr. Cunningham shared that the 2011-2012 electronic version of the Graduate Catalog was now available online.

President McPhee has formed a Strategic Enrollment Management Committee. This committee has been charged with strategically planning ways to manage enrollment while increasing the quality of undergraduate students and growing the number of graduate students by 1000 over the next five years.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—December 9, 2011

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2011 with the following addition under New Business: A committee was formed to review a graduate

student's appeal. The committee consisted of Kristen Deathridge, John DiVincenzo, Kevin Donovan, Michaele Chappell, Cosette Collier, and Craig Rice. The motion to accept the amended minutes was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review Dr. Greg Schmidt, Chair

- Consent Calendar presented
- *A motion was made to accept the consent calendar. The motion was seconded and passed.*

B. Student Affairs and Travel Dr. Jason Reineke, Chair

Dr. Reineke reported that the committee continues to review a steady stream of travel requests.

C. Policies and Procedures Dr. Kathy Burriss, Chair

- No report

D. Graduate Program Review Dr. Larry Burriss, Chair

- No report

V. Old Business

- Faculty Credentials on Teaching Dual-listed Courses

A motion was made to reconsider the previous action of adding to Part E of the SACS Faculty Credential Guidelines in the minutes of December 9, 2011. Previously, the committee approved adding text (bold portion) to the SACS policy: Faculty teaching graduate and post-baccalaureate course work: earned doctorate/terminal degree in the teaching discipline or a related **professional experience may be equated to a traditional terminal degree**. The motion was seconded and passed.

After some discussion, a motion was made to put in place a policy as follows: All persons teaching graduate courses (5000, 6000, and 7000 levels) must be a member of the MTSU Graduate Faculty. The motion was seconded and passed.

VI. New Business

- Revisions to the Graduate Academic Fresh Start Policy

In an effort to clarify the intent of this policy, Dr. Cunningham suggested edits to bullet points 2 and 9. Since the policy only applies to graduate students and graduate courses, bullet point #2 of the policy now reads: *The student's permanent record will remain a record of all work; however, the student will forfeit the use for degree or certification purposes of all previous graduate credit earned, with the exception of credits counted towards a graduate degree previously awarded.* Bullet point #9 of the policy now reads: *All previously attempted graduate courses, taken as a graduate student at MTSU, will be marked as Fresh Start. None of these courses may subsequently be used in the calculation of the GPA or for completion of another graduate degree at MTSU.*

The Council agreed that the edits were necessary, and a motion was made to accept the policy as edited. The motion was seconded and passed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Graduate Council – Consent Calendar January 27, 2012

Graduate Faculty Membership

Adjunct

Brenda B. Berretta / Criminal Justice / M00022716 / EdD

Full

Sonja M. Hedgepeth / Foreign Languages and Literature / M00019507 / PhD

Doctoral Reappointment

Norma K. Dunlap / Chemistry / M00019576 / PhD

Curriculum Changes

Accounting

Change in Admission to Program

Change the requirement for admission to the accounting graduate program for those applying with an undergraduate degree in Accounting from an AACSB accredited institution to an overall undergraduate GPA of 3.00 and add the statement: “may be considered for admissions”, effective Fall 2012

For those student still required to take the GMAT, change the requirement for admission to the graduate program to a minimum GMAT of 400 and add the statement “may be considered for admissions”, effective Fall 2012

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

Remove INFS 6610, Information Systems and Management and Applications, as a required class and increase the number of 6000 level elective hours in Accounting to 9 hours, effective Fall 2012

Combine the three hour requirement for a 5000 level or higher Information Systems class and 5000 level or higher Accounting class to six hours in INFS or ACTG at the 5000 or 6000 level, effective Fall 2012

Require ACTG 6670, Advanced Financial Accounting and Reporting Problems, as the capstone course, thus removing ACTG 6720, Advanced Auditing and Public Accounting Practices, as an option for the capstone class.

Remove ACTG 5510, Accounting Systems, as a prerequisite, effective Fall 2012

Sociology and Anthropology

Course Number Change

Change SOC 5010, Social Inequality, to SOC 5011, three credit hours, effective Fall 2012

Agribusiness and Agriscience

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Proposed New Course

ABAS 6100 Graduate Seminar in Agriculture, one credit hour, effective Summer 2012

Change in Credit Hours

Change in credit hours from 3 to 2 for ABAS 6170, Issues in Equine Industry, effective Summer 2012

Course Number Change

Change course number of ABAS 5450, Coaching and Teaching for Equine Competition, three credit hours, effective Summer 2012

Health and Human Performance

Course Prefix Change

Change the course prefix for REC 6850, Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Leisure and Tourism, to **LSM** 6850, effective Summer 2012

The following items were tabled or not approved:

Adjunct Graduate Faculty Membership---

Tabled---Raven W. Gardner-Ducett / Elementary and Special Education / M00438684 / MED

Tabled---Gina L. Grogan / Elementary and Special Education / M01168586 / EdD

Curriculum Changes---

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Health and Human Performance

Change in Admission to Program --- **Tabled**

Revise prerequisite requirements for applicants to the Ph.D. in Human Performance entering with a bachelor's degree from 30 hours of coursework in a related field to 18 hours of coursework in a related field, effective Spring 2012#