

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. Craig Rice, Chair

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.