GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
February 15, 2013

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

I. Call to Order

Members present:
Joseph Akins, Vaughn Barry, Helen Binkley, Larry Burris, Michaele Chappell, Vince Cobb, Amy Harris, Robin Lee, Theresa McBreen, Jason Reineke, Jim Rust, and Jim Williams

Ex-Officio/Guests present:
Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

II. Announcements

A. Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

The College of Graduate Studies will be working with Noel-Levitz, a higher education consulting firm, in order to help with achieving our goals for enrollment management and retention. A consultant from Noel-Levitz will be on campus March 19th and 20th.

Dr. Cunningham distributed a handout of the Spring 2013 Enrollment Comparisons. This report is generated by the MTSU Office of Enrollment Technical Services.

We had our first GMAT Workshop on February 1st-3rd. This past weekend, the GRE Workshop was full at a capacity of 25 registrants with another 14 having to be placed on a waiting list. Since the demand for this workshop is so great, the College of Graduate Studies will host another GRE Workshop this semester. There will be a Thesis and Dissertation Workshop on Wednesday, February 20th at 4:00 pm in Ingram 101.

Dr. Cunningham reported that the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) will be a collaborative degree program with planned implementation in the fall semester of 2015.

Two years ago, the Graduate Council approved the establishment of an Accelerated Bachelor’s / Master’s (ABM) program. The program allows undergraduate students an opportunity to complete the requirements for both the bachelor’s and master’s degrees in a compressed time frame. The College of Graduate Studies is in the process of getting the program up and running.
III. **Approval of minutes from last meeting—January 18, 2013**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January 18, 2013. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. **Sub-Committee Reports**

A. **Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review**
   Dr. Amy Harris, Chair
   - Consent Calendar attached
   - *A motion was made to accept the consent calendar. The motion was seconded and passed.*

B. **Student Affairs and Travel**
   Dr. Helen Binkley, Chair
   - There was no report.

C. **Policies and Procedures**
   Dr. Vince Cobb, Chair
   - Dr. Cobb reported that this committee has gathered feedback on possible changes to our current graduate faculty membership criteria.

D. **Graduate Program Review**
   Dr. Larry Burriss, Chair
   - Dr. Burriss reported that the Provost’s Office is currently making arrangements for the Economics M.A. and Ph.D. program reviews.

V. **Old Business**

- Graduate Scholarships:

  Graduate Studies is currently revising the scholarship submission deadlines for the sake of consistency since all scholarships must be awarded by May 1st of each year. The Student Affairs and Travel Committee have been designated to review the scholarship applications.

- Graduate Student and Faculty Awards:

  Last May, the Graduate Council approved the establishment of outstanding thesis/project awards in three categories: 1) arts, education, humanities, and social sciences; 2) math, science, engineering, and
technology; and 3) an outstanding dissertation award. An outstanding graduate faculty mentor award was also created to recognize excellence in faculty supervision of graduate studies. During today’s meeting, the Council decided which committees would be responsible for selecting the award recipients. After a short discussion, the Student Affairs and Travel Committee was designated to handle the graduate student awards, and the Faculty and Curriculum Review Committee was designated to handle the graduate faculty award. The student awards will be given at the end of the Spring 2013 semester, and the faculty award will be given at the Fall Faculty meeting on the eve of the Fall 2013 semester.

VI. New Business

- Graduate Student and Faculty Travel Funds:

The Council engaged in a discussion about how best to use graduate student and faculty travel funds at a time when resources are so limited. Some suggestions included: dividing the budgeted amount by semesters, reducing the dollar amount granted to students in order to allow more students to use the funds, reducing the amount granted to faculty, and requesting an increase in the budgeted amount as enrollment increases. A motion was made to charge the Student Affairs and Travel Committee with drafting a recommendation to present to the Council at the March meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

- Concern from Professional Counseling Department:
Dr. Robin Lee voiced concerns from her department in regards to a recent House Bill passed in Michigan in honor of a graduate student in the counseling program at Eastern Michigan University. In that particular case, the student refused to provide counseling services based upon her own religious beliefs. If a student refuses to counsel a client based upon their religious beliefs, this bill would forbid public colleges and universities from disciplining or discriminating against students in counseling, social work or psychology programs. There are concerns about such precedents being set for the public institutions of higher learning across the nation and how that might affect our counseling program at MTSU.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.
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Graduate Faculty Membership

**Adjunct**
Arthur Ford / Psychology
Spencer Lambright / Music
Victor Pestrak / Psychology
Elroy Sullivan / Psychology
Ray Wiley/Health & Human Performance

**Associate**
Cheryl Hitchcock / Elementary & Special Education
Jerden Johnson / Psychology
Kelly Kolar / History

**Full Reappointment**
Robert Eaker / Educational Leadership
Mary Ellen Fromuth / Psychology
Monica Wallace / Psychology

**Doctoral Initial**
Mohamed Salem / Biology
Curriculum Changes

Liberal Arts

Letter of Intent
Master’s of Arts in Liberal Arts, effective Fall 2014

Health and Human Performance

Course Title Change
EXSC 6890 Change title from Seminar in Exercise Science and Health Promotion to Seminar in Exercise Science, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2013

Course can now be taken multiple times – up to a total of 6 credit hours, effective Spring 2013

Mathematical Sciences

Course Title Change
ACSI 5220 Change title from Mathematics of Pricing Theory to Mathematics of Corporate Finance, 3 credit hours, effective Summer 2013

Proposed New Course
ACSI 6600 Problems in Actuarial Science, 1-6 credit hours, effective Summer 2013

Aerospace

Inactivation of Courses
All changes to be effective Spring 2013

Inactivate:
AERO 5100 Airline Management
AERO 5110 Airport Management
AERO 5130 Aerospace Physiology
AERO 5150 Fixed Base Operations Management
AERO 5160 Aviation Law
AERO 5170 Airport Planning and Design
AERO 5230 Advanced Air Navigation
AERO 5240 Aircraft Systems Management
AERO 5310 Aerospace Vehicle Systems
AERO 5530 Air Traffic Control
AERO 5580 Flight Instructor IV