The Graduate Council met at 2:00 p.m. in Ingram 101. Chair Nita Brooks presided.

I. Call to Order

Members present:
Vaughn Barry, Carol Boraiko, Ginny Dansby, Bichaka Fayissa, Josh Howard, Pamela Morris, Dwight Patterson, Lencie Plancher, Brian Robertson, Jennifer Vannatta-Hall, Monica Wallace, Lesley Craig-Unkefer (in Jeremy Winters’ absence)

Ex-Officio/Guests present:
Jackie Eller, Interim Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Scott Handy, Interim Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Nita Brooks, Chair

Dr. Brooks opened the meeting.

B. Dr. Jackie Eller, Interim Dean, College of Graduate Studies

C. Dr. Scott Handy, Interim Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Handy noted that the College of Graduate Studies is working to reduce confusion for students by having a one-step admissions process as opposed to a two-step process. We are also working to shorten the turnaround time on routed applications. Ideally, we would like to have an admission decision from departments within a two-week timeframe.

Dr. Handy asked the Student Affairs and Travel Committee to look through the College of Graduate Studies existing exit survey to note which questions are helpful and relevant and provide feedback by November 7th. It was noted that there needs to be a way to contact the students once they have graduated.

The College of Graduate Studies would like to begin extracting the application data regarding how the applicant heard about MTSU. This will be a part of our initiative to refine our recruitment efforts.

Dr. Handy reported that Leisure and Sport Management has a new ABM pending approval at the undergraduate level.
III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—September 26, 2014

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 26, 2014. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review
Dr. Vaughn Barry, Chair

- The October Consent Calendar is attached.
- A motion was made to accept the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded and passed.

B. Student Affairs and Travel
Dr. Kathleen Darby, Chair

- In Dr. Darby’s absence, Josh Howard noted that the travel funds have been exhausted for any fall conference presentations. There are plans to have $5000 available in this account for the spring semester.

C. Policies and Procedures
Dr. Bichaka Fayissa, Chair

- Dr. Fayissa distributed a handout reflecting three recommendations from the committee.
- The three recommendations included:

1. Clarification of the current policy regarding Graduate Assistant Tuition Only Assistantships. Tuition Only assistantships are used in special instances and are approved for summer terms only. In graduate programs in which students are working a summer internship, students must be enrolled in at least one graduate credit hour of classes during the summer semester. The committee left it up to the discretion of the College of Graduate Studies whether or not the Tuition Only Assistantship form will be posted on the website.

2. Change the current two-step graduate admission process to a one-step process. Currently, the applicant first has to be accepted by the College of Graduate Studies, and then has to be accepted by the graduate degree program of their choice. With the change, the applicant will only be admitted to a specific program.
3. Amendment to the Graduate Assistantship Policy regarding time limits for support. The proposed policy stipulates:

A. A graduate assistantship can be held for 5 years (15 semesters).

B. For support beyond 5 years, up to an additional 1 year (3 semesters) can be granted upon review of academic progress.

C. In exceptional cases, there is the option for 1 year (3 semesters) of support beyond the 5th year which can be granted by request on a semester-by-semester basis.

A motion was made to accept the three recommendations with amendments to 3A and 3C. For clarification, add the words “up to” after “for” in 3A. After the minor change, it now reads: A graduate assistantship can be held for up to 5 years (15 semesters). There was a typo in 3C. The year should have read 6th. Thus, 3C has been amended to read as follows: In exceptional cases, there is the option for 1 year (3 semesters) of support beyond the 6th year which can be granted by request on a semester-by-semester basis.

The motion was seconded and passed.

D. Graduate Program Review
Dr. Ginny Dansby, Chair

- No report at this time.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- Dr. Eller reported that the College of Graduate Studies is working on an Argos report that will allow departments to keep in touch with the students and be able to see the students’ progress through the admissions process.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm. The next Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for November 21st.
Graduate Council – Consent Calendar  
October 24, 2014

Graduate Faculty Membership

Walter Boles / Engineering Technology / PhD
Clare Bratten / Electronic Media Communication / PhD
Kathleen Burrell / Elementary and Special Education / EdD
Larry Burrell / Journalism / PhD
Thomas Bynum / History / PhD
Jimmie Cain Jr. / English / PhD
Yuan-ling Chao / History / PhD
Roger Heinrich / Electronic Media Communication / PhD
Robert Hunt / History / PhD
Frank Michello / Economics and Finance / PhD
Patricia Patterson / Chemistry / PhD
John Pennington / Psychology / PhD
Andrew Polk / History / PhD
Cliff Ricketts / Agribusiness and Agriscience / PhD
Karim Salman / Engineering Technology / PhD
Xizhen Du Schenk / Geosciences / PhD
Ellen Slicker / Educational Leadership / PhD
Paula Thomas / Accounting / DBA

Adjunct
Vanessa Bateman / Geosciences / MS
Gina Burke / Accounting / MBA
Benjamin Goss / Health and Human Performance / EdD
Brian Ingrassia / History / PhD
Janet Lowe / Nursing / MSN
Gerry Molavi-Bosworth / Nursing / PhD
Michael Paulauskas / History / PhD
Graduate Curriculum Changes

Health and Human Performance
Approval to implement an Accelerated Bachelors / Master’s (ABM) Program for qualified students in the Leisure, Sport and Tourism Studies major wishing to continue into the M.S. in Leisure and Sport Management.

Educational Leadership

Inactivation of Courses
SPSE 5210 General Methods Including AV
SPSE 5220 Technology in Teaching
SPSE 6000 Professional Negotiations
SPSE 6330 Elementary/Middle School Principalship
SPSE 6380 Secondary School Administration
SPSE 6910 Problems in Learning Resources
SPSE 6920 Automation of Library Processes
SPSE 7000 Professional Negotiations
SPSE 7050 School Business Management
SPSE 7100 The Junior Community College
SPSE 7320 Education Facilities Transportation Services
YOED 6110 International Aerospace Seminar: Europe/Middle East
YOED 6111 International Aerospace Seminar: Americas
YOED 6112 International Aerospace Seminar: Far East

Changes to be effective Spring 2015

Other – Add a Concentration

Add a Concentration, Agriculture Leadership Education, to the Master of Education in Administration and Supervision

To be effective Fall 2015
Speech and Theatre

Inactivation of Courses
THEA 5100  Special Effects Make-Up
THEA 5220  Theatre Costume Design for Arts & Entertainment
THEA 5240  Theatrical Costume History
THEA 5290  Topics in Theatrical Costume
THEA 5300  Scene Design
THEA 5350  Advanced Scenic Design
THEA 5390  Topics in Scenography
THEA 5400  Stage Lighting
THEA 5500  Advanced Acting
THEA 5570  Alexander Technique
THEA 5610  Theatre in Education
THEA 5620  Drama Across the Curriculum Practicum
THEA 5650  Children’s Drama and Speech
THEA 5700  Fundamentals of Play Directing
THEA 5750  Advanced Play Directing
THEA 5880  Theatre Organization and Stage Management
THEA 5890  Topics in Dramatic Theory
THEA 5910  Practicum in Summer Theatre
COMM 5040  Debate Across the Curriculum Practicum
COMM 5220  Small Group Communication
COMM 5280  Political Communication
COMM 5620  Applied Speech
COMM 5630  Applied Speech

DANC 5000  Dance Production
DANC 5010  Dance Performance II
DANC 5100  Choreography I
DANC 5120  Dance Therapy
DANC 5130  Dance for the Theatre
DANC 5160  Advanced Ballet – Ind Study, Solo and Ensemble Performance
DANC 5170  Advanced Ballet – Ind Study and Choreography
DANC 5700  Skills and Techniques of Teaching Rhythmic Activities
DANC 5760  Choreography II
DANC 5770  Advanced Modern Dance

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Geosciences

Inactivation of Course
PGEO 5310  Resource Management and Conservation

Change to be effective Fall 2014
**Elementary and Special Education**

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**Computer Information Systems**

**Change in Admission to Program**

Change Master of Science in Computer Information Systems admission policy to include the GRE as an option and wording for students with a 3.0 or higher GPA from an AACSB school to be exempt from and entrance exam requirement.

Change to be effective Fall 2014

**Nursing-RODP**

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Psychology

Proposed New Course to be Dual-Listed
PSY 5080  Advanced Research Methods, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2015

Inactivation of Course
PSY 5070  Research Methods, effective Spring 2015

Assessment, Learning and School Improvement

Other Course Description and Objectives Revision
ALSI 7610  Revise the Course Description under Part I – Course Justification, effective Spring 2015

Chemistry

Proposed New Course and Dual-Listed
CHEM 4150/6150  Bioorganic Chemistry, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2015