

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

January 29, 2016

The Graduate Council met at 2:30 p.m. in Ingram 101. Interim Associate Dean, Scott Handy presided.

I. Call to Order

Members present:

Vishwas Bedekar, William Crabtree, Virginia Dansby, Barbara Turnage, Bichaka Fayissa, Amy Harris, Robert Kalwinsky, Steve Livingston, Richard Meeks, Pamela Morris, Lynn Nelson, Brian Robertson, Donald Snead, Monica Wallace, Cliff Welborn, Jeremy Winters, Erynn Murray, and Kolby McGee Wright.

Ex-Officio/ Guests present:

Scott Handy, Interim Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

II. Announcements

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

- Dr. Scott Handy opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m.
- The increase in English proficiency standards for admittance has been denied by the Provost and President. Departments will still be allowed to implement individual program increases if they can provide sufficient evidence that an increased proficiency is necessary to successful completion of the program.
- Expanding R250 to the graduate level was approved by the President and is going forward to TBR.
- The Graduate College will have a separate graduate ceremony beginning this May. It will be on Friday, May 6th at 3 p.m. in the Murphy Center.
- A faculty liaison, Joan McRae, will be working with the College of Graduate Studies this semester to work on increasing enrollment. The emphasis will be on developing marketing ideas as well as working with programs with deficiencies and enrollment issues.
- The Focus Bill was released recently. It assigns TBR to community and technical colleges and assigns each major university its own individual board. This helps to put all colleges on the same playing field. It is yet unclear as to what the effects on funding will be. The university board will have authority over things such as tuition changes, curriculum changes, and presidential election but THEC will still govern new program approval. A transition committee has been formed to facilitate a smooth transition. It includes Dr. McPhee and Trisha Farwell as well as other individuals.

III. **Approval of Minutes from last meeting – December 11th, 2015**

The minutes were distributed to the Graduate Council for review. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November 20th, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. **Sub-Committee Reports**

a. **Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review**

Dr. Cliff Welborn, Chair

- The December Consent Calendar is attached.
- The Consent Calendar comes in the form of a motion. It was seconded and passed.

b. **Student Affairs and Travel**

Dr. Kathleen Darby, Chair

Dr. Pamela Morris

- Dr. Morris gave a report on the status of the investigation into assistantship discrepancies between science programs and non-science programs. A comparison to other institutions has not yet been completed but an analysis of the retention rates of science programs vs. non-science programs was completed. The result of this analysis was that very little variation was seen between the two types of programs.

c. **Policies and Procedures**

Dr. Jeremy Winters, Chair

- There is no business to report at this meeting.

d. **Graduate Program Review**

Dr. Bichaka Fayissa, Chair

- The committee presented their recommendation for a program reviewer for the Health and Human Performance program. Their recommendation was Professor McCollick.
- This recommendation comes in the form of a motion. It was seconded and passed.

V. **Old Business**

VI. **New Business**

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

- Dr. Handy brought to the council's attention an issue with misunderstanding about GTA usage. A GTA was the instructor of record for an upper division class that the student didn't have background in. This brought about the question as to whether a policy on GTA usage needs to be developed or if this is just a

departmental issue that needs to be addressed. The latter will be implemented first.

- Dr. Handy reminded the council about the Outstanding Thesis/Dissertation Award and that a call for recommendations has been issued for this academic year. It should be noted that the categories are a little unclear. Dr. Handy asked the council to consider volunteering for the committee that will clarify the categories and review the nominations to determine which receives the award. He would like to have a member from each academic college.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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Graduate Council – Consent Calendar January 22, 2016

Graduate Faculty Membership

Full

Janet Colson / Human Sciences / PhD
John Coons / Health & Human Performance / PhD
Cathy Cooper / Nursing / EdD
Lucy Matthews / Marketing / DBA
Angela Pharris / Social Work / MSW
Gregory Pitts / Mass Communication / PhD
Elizabeth Quinn / Criminal Justice / PhD
Ralph Williams / Management / DBA
Doug Winborn / Health & Human Performance / EdD

Adjunct

Beverly English / Social Work / MA
Todd Evans / Health & Human Performance / PhD
Jason Jordan / Educational Leadership / MA
Leigh Watson / Library Science / MLIS

Graduate Curriculum Changes

Aerospace

Change Course Title and Credit Hours

Changes to be effective Fall 2016

AERO 6100	Aviation Workshop	Change to 'Aviation Education Workshop' and change both credit and contact hours
AERO 6700	Adv. Aviation Wksp	Change to 'Adv. Aviation Education Workshop' and change both credit and contact hours

Educational Leadership

Change Course Title and Credit Hours

Changes to be effective Fall 2016

YOED 6100	Aviation Workshop	Change to 'Aviation Education Workshop' and reduce both credit and contact hours
YOED 6700	Adv. Aviation Wksp	Change to 'Adv. Aviation Education Workshop' and reduce both credit and contact hours

Engineering Technology

Revision to Curriculum

Changes to be effective Fall 2016

For MS in Engineering Tech, Engineering Tech concentration, remove ET 6700 and ET 6730 and replace with advisor approved electives

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Nursing

Other

Changes to be effective Fall 2016

Phase out the MSN RODP Nursing Informatics Concentration

Media and Entertainment

Other

Changes to be effective Fall 2016

Change the name of the program from MS in Mass Communication to MS in Media and Communication