

Middle Tennessee State University Admissions and Standards Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 28, 2:00 p.m.
James Walker Library, Room 475

Members present:

Ms. Annette Williams, Chair; Dr. Buddy Freeman; Dr. Zhijiang Dong; Dr. Vaughn Barry; Dr. Christine Kim; Dr. Jan Zijlstra; Dr. Cathy Cooper; Dr. Jennifer Vannatta-Hall; Mr. Todd O'Neill, Secretary; Dr. Laurie Witherow, Ex-Officio; Dr. Jackie Eller, Ex-Officio; Dr. Sheila Otto, Ex-Officio; Ms. Teresa Thomas, Ex-Officio; Mr. Leonard Brown, student.

Guest present: Dr. Greg Pitts, Director of School of Journalism; Dr. Richard Meeks, School of Nursing

1. Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by Annette Williams.

2. Approval of Minutes: Approval of September, October, and November Minutes.

3. New Business

- Proposal 1: Changes in the Journalism Concentration to Ensure Accreditation Compliance

Dr. Pitts provided a brief overview of the proposal. Question: Is there enough information in the proposal to make changes to the catalog, re: courses that can or cannot be taken outside of the journalism program. Question: Regarding student registration in cross-listed courses wherein the students have not completed any pre-candidacy course.

Moved: Vannatta-Hall Seconded: Zijlstra

Vote: Approved, no opposed, no abstentions

- Proposal 2: Deletion of the Interview Process-Traditional BSN Program

Dr. Meeks provided a brief overview of the proposal. Question: When was the interview instituted (Answer: 2012). Question: Is the issue with the interview the quality of the interview? (Answer: The interview is subjective and scores do not reflect success in the program. Question: Is there data correlating interview score and test score. (Answer: No.)

Moved: Zijlstra Seconded: Barry
Vote: Approved, no opposed, no abstentions

- Proposal 3: Deletion of the Work Experience Credit-Traditional BSN Program

Dr. Meeks provided a brief overview of the proposal. Question: Are there examples of students using work experience for admission who were borderline who successfully completed the program? (Answer: yes). How many points for admission are there? (Answer; 9) Question: How many students would this affect (Answer: 2-3 per cohort).

Moved: Kim Seconded: Zijlstra
Vote: Approved, no opposed, no abstentions

- Proposal 4: Changes in requirements for the Music Education Concentration
 - Require C- or better in 6 MUED methods courses
 - Require passing the Praxis Core within 30 hours

Dr. Jennifer Vannatta-Hall provided a brief overview of the proposal. Clarification of first sentence of Proposal: "Statement additions to undergraduate requirements (from "catalog") in the music education concentration." Question/Clarification: Is the grading system be changed to make C- the minimum passing grade. (Answer: no; D would remain a passing grade for students outside the Music Education Concentration.) Question: How will Praxis test score be enforced? (Answer: It cannot be enforced. It could be added to degree evaluation.) Comment: Add language regarding SAT score to reflect changes in SAT score. Comment: Change word regarding grade point average to (GPA) "overall" to "inclusive" to allow for transfer student credits. Comment: Change Fall to first semester, change Spring to fourth semester.

Proposal approval with editorial changes as discussed is contingent upon review and approval by the University Curriculum Committee this committee will vote to approve the Admissions and Standards Committee. Revised proposal will be circulated via email to the committee to verify discussed editorial changes were completed.

Moved: Cooper Seconded: Barry
Vote: Contingent Approval, no opposed, no abstentions

4. Old Business

None at this time

5. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.