

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 23, 2018

The Graduate Council met at 2:02 p.m. in Ingram 101. Chair Richard Meeks presided.

I. Call to Order

Members present:

Helen Binkley, C. Collier (in place of Bill Crabtree), Norma Dunlap, Kyle Butler, Richard Meeks, Mischa Renfroe, Judith Van Hein, and Jeremy Winters

Ex-Officio/Guests present:

Kimberly Douglass, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

II. Announcements

A. **Dr. Richard Meeks, Chair**

Dr. Meeks opened the meeting at 2:02 pm.

III. Approval of minutes

The minutes for the February 23rd meeting of the Graduate Council were distributed for review. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. This motion passed unanimously.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. **Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review**

- The March 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. Norma Dunlap, Chair**

- Dr. Dunlap suggested looking at third parties to provide recommendation letters.

C. **Policies and Procedures** **Dr. Helen Binkley, Chair**

- No reports at this time.

D. Graduate Program Review
Dr. Vishwas Bedekar, Chair

- No reports at this time.

V. Old Business

- The CGS scholarship applications are being accepted until April 1st. Please direct students to the CGS website for scholarship criteria and submission information. Once all applications have been received and compiled, the Student Affairs and Travel Committee will make award determinations within two weeks after the deadline.
- Dr. Douglass asked the Policies and Procedures Committee to begin checking feasibility of charting a pathway for non-degree seeking students to become degree seeking students and get feedback from all programs.

VI. New Business

- Dr. Meeks reminded the Council that a new Vice-Chair will be needed for the 2018-2019 academic year and Dr. Kate Foss will be the Chair for the 2018-2019 academic year. Dr. Meeks also stated that, three new members will be joining the Council.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:33pm. The next Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2018.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kevin Owen

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Graduate Faculty Membership

Full

Frederick S. Cottle / Human Sciences / PhD
Ronda Henderson / Marketing / PhD
Yangseung Jeong / Biology / PhD
Leah Tolbert Lyons / Foreign Languages and Literatures / PhD
Richard E. Morris / Foreign Languages and Literatures / PhD

Adjunct

Marc A. Mills / Biology / PhD
Rebecca Seul / Human Sciences / MS
David M. Walters / Biology / PhD
Samantha Weir / Human Sciences / MS

Graduate Curriculum Changes

Educational Leadership Department

Graduate Faculty Criteria Proposal

Agribusiness and Agriscience

New Course

FERM 5560 Applied Fermentation: Biomass and Biofuels, effective Fall 2018

Educational Leadership

Course Change

LIBS 6550, Supervised Field Experience in Library Science, there is no option for students to choose completing the full 200 hours in one semester (or six credit hours within one semester). I am thus asking that LIBS 6550 be converted to a VARIABLE CREDIT course where students may choose to complete

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EITHER 100 OR 200 field experience hours (3 OR 6 credit hours) in one semester rather than being limited to enroll for ONLY 3 credit hours of 6550 per semester. Effective Fall 2018

Literacy Studies

Program Change

1. Change admission from post-master's only to post-bachelor's or post-master's.
2. Change the three current Specializations (Literacy Instruction & Staff Development, Reading Disabilities & Dyslexia, and Literacy Measurement & Analysis) to Concentrations.
3. Change the number of hours to complete the program from 60 to 75, specifically, Major Core from 27 to 33 hours, Concentrations (15 hours), Electives from 9 to 15 hours.
4. Students with a master's degree can transfer a maximum of 15 credit hours from their master's degree to Electives in the Ph.D. program.
5. Students with a bachelor's degree interested in pursuing a master's degree in Psychology (M.A.) or Literacy (M.Ed.) while pursuing their Ph.D. will need to consult with the program director and the respective departments to understand the additional requirements.

Effective Fall 2018

Mathematical Sciences

Program Change

Inactivate MST in Mathematics including both Middle Grades and Secondary Concentrations
Effective Fall 2018

Human Sciences

New Course

NFS 6600 Nutrition and Obesity: A Multidisciplinary Examination of Weight Issues

Effective Summer 2018