The Graduate Council met at 1:30 p.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room of the Sam Ingram Building. Vice-Chair Craig Rice presided.

I. Call to Order

Members present:

Kathy Burriess, Michaele Chappell, Cosette Collier, Clay Cotham, Kevin Donovan, Gore Ervin, Michael Hein, Donald Lester, Bren Martin, David Penn, Jason Reineke, Greg Schmidt and Vince Smith

Ex-Officio members present:

Michael Allen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Craig Rice, Vice-Chair

Dr. Rice welcomed the Council members.

B. Dr. Michael Allen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Allen reported that there were 98 applicants in the Vice Provost for International Affairs search. Of those 98 applicants, the search committee has submitted 11 names to TBR and Equity and Compliance for approval for phone interviews.

C. Dr. Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Cunningham distributed a newly created brochure for the M.S. in Horse Science. He shared this brochure as an example to encourage all programs to either create or update their brochures to make available for interested students during recruitment.

Dr. Cunningham reported that Rick Henegar left on October 28th for recruiting assignments in China, Korea, and Thailand. Dr. Cunningham has recently attended recruitment events at the University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University.
Dr. Cunningham stated that three advisors from EducationUSA will be at MTSU next week.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—September 24, 2010

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review
Dr. John DiVincenzo, Chair

- Consent calendar attached

- A motion was made to accept the consent calendar. The motion was seconded and carried.

B. Student Affairs and Travel
Dr. Vicky MacLean, Chair

- Dr. Reineke reported that the committee met on October 7, 2010. The committee is currently conducting a review of six peer institutions in order to find ways to increase student funding. The group is also trying to find campus space for a graduate student organization. Dr. Reineke stated the committee has some concerns that 10-25% of the graduate student/faculty travel funds go to faculty members. The committee would like for students to have more travel funds available to them.

C. Policies and Procedures
Dr. Vince Smith, Chair

- Dr. Smith asked for feedback from the Council about English speaking skills of GTAs and ideas for improvement in speaking and writing skills.

- Dr. Smith asked if there was an Academic Fresh Start policy in place for graduate students. There is currently no such policy for graduate students. Further discussion and research will be needed to determine if the Council would like to propose such a policy.

D. Graduate Program Review
Dr. Kevin Donovan, Chair

- No report
V. Old Business

- In a previous meeting, it was suggested that a new plotter be purchased to facilitate the needs of students when preparing for poster presentations. Dr. Cunningham will check into the feasibility of a plotter purchase.

VI. New Business

- The College of Graduate Studies employs an English Ph.D. student, Brandi Williamson, as a thesis and dissertation consultant. Ms. Williamson can be reached at thesis@mtsu.edu.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Hawkins, Recording Secretary
Graduate Council – Consent Calendar  
October 29, 2010

Graduate Faculty Membership

**Associate**
Amy Kaufman / English
Laura A. White / English
Moses K. Tesi / Political Science
Frederick P. Vanosdall / TMSTEC

**Full – Initial**
Joseph L. Akins / Recording Industry

**Doctoral – Initial**
Charles C. Chusuei / Chemistry
Zachariah Sinkala / Mathematical Science

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Curriculum Changes

**Literacy Studies**

**Other**

LITS 7330 Special Topics in Literacy, request to make repeatable up to 6 hours, effective Spring 2011

**History**

**Other**

Make the following courses repeatable for up to 6 hours:

HIST 6104/7104, 6105/7105, 6204/7204, 6205/7205, 6304/7304, 6305/7305, 7910, and 7920

Changes effective Spring 2011
Elementary and Special Education

Proposed New Course(s)

ELED 6470  Designing & Implementing Problem-Based Learning, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2011
ELED 6480  Problem-Based Learning: Teacher as Mentor, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2011

Educational Leadership

Non-Substantive Revisions in Curriculum of Existing Major, Minor, Emphasis

Request to collapse four existing Ed.S. Curriculum & Instruction Specializations into one Curriculum & Instruction Specialization in order to avoid EdS Curriculum & Instruction program fragmentation, effective Spring 2011

Other

Request program changes for M.Ed./Curriculum & Instruction with concentration in ESL due to revised Tennessee Standards for Professional Licensure in English as a Second Language, effective Fall 2011

Course Number/Title Change

YOED 6020  Change title from Reading, Writing, & Learning Methods for ESL to Literacy Instruction for ESL Learners, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2011
SPSE 6820  Change title from Second Language Acquisition: Theory & Research for Teachers to Second Language Acquisition: Cultural Aspects, Theory & Research for Teachers, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2011
FOED 7860  Change course/title from FOED 7860 Education & Digital Youth: Teaching & Learning in Participatory Culture to FOED 6860 Education & Digital Youth: Language Learning in a Participatory Culture, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2011

Proposed New Course(s)

SPSE 6830  Assessment and Evaluation of English Language Learners, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2011
FOED 6022  Foundations, History, and Legal Aspects of ESL and Bilingual Education, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2011
YOED 6030  Content Instruction for English Language Learners, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2011
Psychology

Proposed New Course(s)

PSY 7190  Advanced Cognitive Psychology, (add to current 6000 level), 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2011

PSY 7281  Psychological Statistics: Regression Lab, zero credits, effective Spring 2011

PSY 7291  Psychological Statistics: Anova Lab, zero credits, effective Spring 2011

Health and Human Performance

Other

LSM 6640  Thesis Research
Revise the schedule type for LSM 6640 in the course inventory from ‘lecture’ to ‘master thesis’ and to change the instructional method from ‘conventional methodology’ to ‘thesis’, effective Fall 2010

Computer Science

Course Number/Title Change

Change CSCI 5330 (Parallel Processing Concepts) to CSCI 6330, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2011