

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 24, 2014

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 Burriss / Elementary and Special Education / EdD
Larry Burriss / 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

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| 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

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Speech and Theatre

Inactivation of Courses

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| 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 |
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| COMM 5040 | Debate Across the Curriculum Practicum |
| COMM 5220 | Small Group Communication |
| COMM 5280 | Political Communication |
| COMM 5620 | Applied Speech |
| COMM 5630 | Applied Speech |
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| 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 |

Changes to be effective Spring 2015

Geosciences

Inactivation of Course

PGEO 5310 Resource Management and Conservation

Change to be effective Fall 2014

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Elementary and Special Education

Inactivation of Courses

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| DYST 6040 | Neurobiology of Reading & Dyslexia |
| ECE 5330 | Primary Practicum |
| ECE 5331 | Primary Practicum Lab |
| ELED 6030 | The Early Child Practitioner K-4 |
| ELED 6130 | Current Issues in Elementary Language Arts |
| ELED 6140 | Current Issues in Elementary Social Studies |
| ELED 6170 | The Multi-Age Classroom |
| ELED 6190 | Current Issues in Elementary Science |
| ELED 7290 | Inquiry & Problem-Based Learning |
| READ 6160 | Intercultural Perspectives in Literacy |
| SPED 6500 | Anatomy and Physiology of the Eye |
| SPED 6510 | Introduction to Braille and Communication Skills for the Visually Impaired |
| SPED 6520 | Advanced Braille and Communication Skills for the Visually Impaired |
| SPED 6530 | Educational Procedures for the Visually Impaired |
| SPED 6540 | Advanced Educational Procedures for the Visually Impaired |
| SPED 6550 | Orientation and Mobility for the Classroom Teacher |
| SPED 6560 | Nature and Needs of the Visually Impaired |
| SPED 6570 | Practicum in Special Education (Vision) |
| SPED 6740 | Affective Education in the Classroom |

Changes to be effective Spring 2015

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

Inactivation of Courses

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| NURS 6504 | Adv Adult Health Nursing II Cln |
| NURS 6506 | Adv Adult Health Nursing III Cln |
| NURS 6509 | Adv Adult Health Practicum |
| NURS 6513 | Psychiatric Nursing Care II |
| NURS 6531 | Holistic Nursing Perspectives |
| NURS 6532 | Holistic Nursing Interventions |
| NURS 6533 | Adv Holistic Nursing I |

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NURS 6534 Adv Holistic Nursing II
NURS 6537 Adv Holistic Nursing I Practicum
NURS 6539 Adv Holistic Nursing II Practicum
NURS 6543 Maternal Child Nursing II
NURS 6607 Family Nurse Practitioner IV
NURS 6608 Family Nurse Practitioner IV Clinical

Changes to be effective Spring 2015

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