

# GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

## September 24, 2008

The Graduate Council met at 2:30 p.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Sam Ingram Building. Jackie Eller presided as Chair.

### **I. Call to order**

#### **Members present:**

Kevin James, Mary Lou Veal, Jane Marcellus, Medha Sarkar, Robert Kalwinsky, Ronald Ferrara, Dorothy Craig, Bren Martin, Gore Ervin, Clare Bratten, Vincent Smith and Chassen Haynes

#### **Ex-Officio members present:**

Michael Allen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies  
Peter Cunningham, Interim Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies  
Philip Phillips, Associate Professor, English

#### **Guests present:**

Greg Schmidt  
James Huffman

### **II. Announcements**

#### **A. Dr. Jackie Eller, Chair**

Dr. Eller welcomed the Council members and opened with introductions.

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

Dr. Allen thanked all the Council members for giving of their time to serve on the committee.

Dr. Allen noted there was a 10.7% increase in graduate enrollment this semester, which brings the count to 2,615 graduate students. As more degree programs are proposed, there is a need for growth in the area of graduate assistantships. Currently, the M.S. in International Affairs is under review by the Tennessee Board of Regents. The external review of the Ph.D. in Math and Science Education is scheduled for October 6-7, 2008.

Dr. Allen stated that in order to maintain Carnegie classification, the current four Ph.D. programs will need to have at least 20 graduates each year.

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

Dr. Cunningham noted the College of Graduate Studies staff travels extensively to attend graduate school fairs and to visit individual colleges and universities. Special efforts are made to visit schools that have historically been feeder schools to our graduate programs. MTSU is becoming more widely known.

Dr. Cunningham stated that the recent Graduate Directors Workshop was a success with more than 20 different programs heavily represented in attendance. The Workshop was an opportunity for the College of Graduate Studies to relay recent changes in policy and give progress updates.

Dr. Cunningham reported that there are two Letters of Intent for Ph.D. degrees prepared. One is for a Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning, and the other is a Ph.D. in Psychology. Both will be in the Provost's office within the next couple of days.

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—June 6, 2008**

*A motion was made to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.*

**IV. Sub-Committee Reports**

**A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review**

**Dr. Kevin James, Chair**

- Consent calendar attached
- *A motion was made to accept the consent calendar. The motion was seconded and carried.*
- Dr. James presented the Letter of Intent to establish a Ph.D. degree in Teaching and Learning for approval by the Council.
- *A motion was made to accept the Letter of Intent for a Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning. The motion was seconded and carried.*
- Dr. James presented the Letter of Intent to establish a Ph.D. degree in Psychology for approval by the Council.
- *A motion was made to accept the Letter of Intent for a Ph.D. in Psychology. The motion was seconded and carried.*
- Dr. Cunningham reported on the status of terminating the M.S. in HPER. The proposal to terminate the M.S. in HPER was approved last spring. The

original proposal included replacing the M.S. in HPER with the following: M.S. in Health, Behavior, and Promotion; M.S. in Physical Education Teaching; and an M.S. in Leisure and Sport Management. The external reviewers responded that while the same content will be covered, the M.S. in HPER should be replaced with the following: M.S. in Exercise Science; M.S. in Health and Human Performance; and an M.S. in Leisure and Sport Management. This revised proposal and current structure is now in the Provost's office.

- *The Council made a motion to ratify the above mentioned revised proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.*

**B. Student Affairs and Travel**  
**Dr. Bren Martin, Chair**

- No report

**C. Policies and Procedures**  
**Dr. Teri Davis, Chair**

- Dr. Eller asked the committee to continue work that began last year on the Thesis and Dissertation Compensation Proposal.

**D. Graduate Program Review**  
**Dr. Jane Marcellus, Chair**

- No report

**E. Catalog Committee**  
**Ad Hoc Only**

**V. Old Business**

None

**VI. New Business**

Electing a Graduate Council Vice-Chair

- Nominations were accepted for Vice-Chair. Dr. Vincent Smith was nominated. A motion was made to accept the nomination of Dr. Vincent Smith as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and approved.

Graduate Assistants borrowing materials from the LRC

- Currently, GAs do not have the same borrowing privileges as GTAs in the LRC. GTAs can check out materials with their own student identification cards while GAs must have their professor's identification to do so. The Council voted that GAs, GRAs, and GTAs should all have the same borrowing privileges and be able to check out materials with their own student identification cards. Dr. Eller asked Dr. Cunningham to contact Dr. Connie Schmidt, Director of Instructional Tech Support Center, regarding making the borrowing privileges consistent across all categories of graduate assistants.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Hawkins, Recording Secretary

# **Graduate Council – Consent Calendar September 24, 2008**

## **Graduate Faculty Membership**

### **Adjunct**

Gerry Bosworth / Nursing  
Stephanie Diaz / Health and Human Performance  
Dianna Rust / Continuing Education and Distance Learning  
Joyce Williams / Sociology and Anthropology  
Janet McLean / Nursing

### **Associate**

Michelle Bobbitt / Management and Marketing  
Drew Cavin / Health and Human Performance  
Dana Umscheid / Health and Human Performance  
Amanda DiPaolo / Political Science  
Meredith Dye / Sociology and Anthropology  
Joy Green-Hadden / Nursing  
Katherine Foss / Journalism  
Warren Gill / Agribusiness and Agriscience

### **Full – Initial Appointment**

Juanita Brooks / Computer Information Systems  
Peter McCluskey / English  
Felicia Miyakawa / Music  
Loren Mulraine / Recording Industry  
G. Robert Smith / Accounting  
J. Jeremy Winters / Elementary and Special Education  
Michael Fleming / Recording Industry

### **Full – Re-Appointment**

Chong Chen / Engineering Technology  
Ellen Donovan / English  
John DuBois / Biology  
Amy Jetton / Biology  
Oscar Diaz-Ortiz / Foreign Languages and Literature  
Brian Miller / Biology

Soraya Nogueira / Foreign Languages and Literature  
Melodie Phillips / Management and Marketing  
Cliff Ricketts / Agribusiness and Agriscience  
Vincent Smith / Business Communication and Entrepreneurship  
Jinfeng Yue / Management and Marketing  
Dana Fuller / Psychology

### **Doctoral - Initial Appointment**

Michael Neth / English  
Alicia Renfroe / English

### **Doctoral - Re-Appointment**

Patricia Bradley / English  
Gaylord Brewer / English  
Kevin Donovan / English  
M. Jo Edwards / Health and Human Performance  
Michael Sanger / Chemistry

## **Curriculum Changes**

### **Political Science**

#### **Proposed New Course(s)**

**P S 5030**      **Human Rights**, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009  
**P S 5070**      **Political Violence and Terrorism**, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009  
**P S 5180**      **African Politics**, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

### **English**

#### **Proposed New Course(s)**

**ENGL 6455/7455**      **Studies in Women's Literature**, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

## Elementary and Special Education

### Proposed New Course(s)

**ELED 6340** Introduction to Educational Research, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009  
**ELED 6350** Introduction to Qualitative Methods, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009  
**ELED 6390** STEM Education in the Elementary School, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

## Education and Behavioral Science

### Other-Letter of Intent Submitted

**Letter of Intent** Establish a Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning, effective Fall 2009

**Letter of Intent** Establish a Ph.D. in Psychology, effective Fall 2009

## Health and Human Performance

### Other-Admission Policy Change

**M.S. in Exercise Science** Increase Graduate Record Exam score from 400 on verbal and quantitative to 450 on each section, effective Spring 2009

### Proposed New Course(s)

**PHED 6000** Adapted Physical Activity, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

## Educational Leadership

### Non-Substantive Revision in Curriculum of Existing Major, Minor, Emphasis

**SPSE 6600** and **FOED 6610** will be dropped from the Master of Education in Administration and Supervision, Specialization K-12. In their place will be **SPSE 6550** (Supervised Field Experience) and **SPSE 6560** (Studies in Education: Supervision).

Changes to be effective Fall 2009

## Geosciences

### Other-Termination of Certificate

**Terminate Graduate Certificate Program in Geosciences**, effective Spring 2009

## Literacy Studies

### **Proposed New Course(s)**

LITS 7110      **Models of Literacy Assessment**, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

**ET**

### **Other**

**Remove all course listings for electives in the Occupational Health and Safety concentration, effective Spring 2009**

### **Course Number/Title Change**

**ETIS shortened the department name to Engineering Technology (ET) in July 2008. Because of the name change, the course prefixes will change from ETIS to ET, effective Spring 2009**