

# **GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**

## **October 29, 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, Leslie Merritt and Teri Davis

#### **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

### **II. Announcements**

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

Dr. Eller called the meeting to order.

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

Dr. Allen stated that the two PhD proposals for Computational Science and Molecular Biosciences are on TBR's agenda for the December meeting.

Dr. Allen noted that it will be difficult to begin new programs during the current economic state as budgets are cut.

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

Dr. Cunningham reported that there are currently two feasibility studies being conducted. The two degree proposals include a Master of Science in Management and a Master's in Human Services. The proposals do not require any additional funding because of the ability to reconfigure existing courses.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—September 24, 2008**

*A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.*

### **IV. Sub-Committee Reports**

#### **A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review Dr. Kevin James, Chair**

- Dr. James noted that the current offering of Graduate Minors may need to be restructured so that the required 12 semester hours are more concentrated. As it is outlined on page 59 of the 2008-2010 Graduate Catalog, *there are three patterns of minors from which a candidate must choose:*
  1. *A single minor consisting of at least 12 semester hours; 12 undergraduate hours in an area are prerequisite to a single minor in that area at the master's level.*
  2. *A minor consisting of a minimum of 6 semester hours in each of two subjects.*
  3. *The distributive minor consisting of a minimum of 12 semester hours in at least three subjects.*
- Dr. Eller asked the Policy and Procedures subcommittee to review the matter of Graduate Minors.
- Consent calendar attached --- *A motion was made to accept the consent calendar. The motion was seconded and carried.*

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

- Dr. Martin reported the Graduate Program Enhancement Travel Budget has awarded travel funds to 23 graduate students and 17 faculty members this semester. The available balance (with encumbrances) is \$14, 489.00.
- *A motion was made to accept the Graduate Program Enhancement Budget as reported. The motion was seconded and carried.*

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

- Dr. Davis requested feedback from the Council on the Thesis and Dissertation Compensation Proposal. Dr. Eller instructed each member of the Council to gather information about how each of their own departments currently handles summer compensation for theses and dissertations. It will be important to work towards proposing a compensation plan that is uniform across all campus departments.
- *A motion was made for the council members to solicit the above information from their respective departments within the next two weeks, so that the Policy and Procedures subcommittee will have time to process the information before the next Council meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.*

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

- No report

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

**V. Old Business**

None

**VI. New Business**

None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Hawkins, Recording Secretary

# **Graduate Council – Consent Calendar October 29, 2008**

## **Graduate Faculty Membership**

### **Adjunct**

Derek Frisby / History  
Carol Thigpin / Dyslexic Studies

### **Associate**

George Houpp / English  
Mark Jackson / English  
Marcus Knight / Engineering Technology  
William Leggett / Sociology and Anthropology  
Julie Myatt / English  
David Pruett / Music

### **Full – Initial Appointment**

Susan Hopkirk / English  
Lesley Craig-Unkefer / Elementary and Special Education

### **Full – Re-Appointment**

Ronald Aday / Sociology and Anthropology  
Frank Bailey / Biology  
Kurt Blum / Biology  
John Bodle / Journalism  
Robert Hunt / History  
Steve Jones / Psychology  
James Rust / Psychology  
Stephen Schmidt / Psychology  
Suk Jai Seo / Computer Science  
Rajesh Srivastava / Management and Marketing  
Tom Strawman / English

### **Doctoral - Initial Appointment**

Mark Ivy / Health and Human Performance

# Curriculum Changes

## Political Science

### Proposed New Course(s)

- P S 5260**     **Political Status of Women in the World**, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2009
- P S 5310**     **Comparative Asian Government**, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009
- P S 5770**     **Russian Politics**, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009
- P S 5900**     **Latin American Politics**, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

## Elementary and Special Education

### Proposed New Course(s)

- ELED 6252**     **Technologies that Invite and Adapt: Teaching and Learning in a Media World**, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009
- ELED 6253**     **Web-Based Multimedia Development for Elementary and Middle School**, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

## Health and Human Performance

### Other – Dual List Doctoral Level Course

- LSM 7670**     **Behavioral Concepts in Recreation and Leisure Services**, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009, to be dual listed with existing LSM 6670

### Other – Add Specialization

- Ph.D. in Human Performance**     Add specialization in Kinesmetrics, effective Spring 2009

## Nursing

### Proposed New Course(s)

- NURS 6410**     **Informatics Practicum**, 4 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

## ET

### Other

**Inactivate Industrial Studies minor in Master's Program**, effective Spring 2009

**Change title of degree from Master of Science in Engineering Technology and Industrial Studies to Master of Science in Engineering Technology**, effective Spring 2009

### Proposed New Course(s)

**ET 6300 PMI Project Management**, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

### Inactivation of Course(s)

**ETIS 6110 Designing for Economical Production**, effective Fall 2009

**ETIS 6180 Seminar in Industrial Quality Developments**, effective Fall 2009

**ETIS 6370 Computer-Integrated Design and Manufacturing**, effective Fall 2009

## Economics and Finance

### Other

**Economics of Education De-Activate this field**, effective Spring 2009

**ECON 7390 Social Insurance, Pensions, and Benefits**  
**No longer required to complete labor economics as a major field**, effective Spring 2009

**ECON 6100 Mathematical Methods for Economists**  
**To be offered in the summer of year 1 instead of the fall of year 1**, effective Spring 2009

**ECON 6105 Advanced Mathematical Methods for Economics**  
**To be placed on the schedule of Ph.D. requirements for fall of year 1**, effective Spring 2009

### Course Number/Title Change

**ECON 5990 Change course title from Problems in Economics to Independent Study in Economics**, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

**FIN 5990 Change course title from Problems in Finance to Independent Study in Finance**, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

**FIN 6440** Change course title and course number from **Readings in Finance to Independent Study in Finance (FIN 6990)**, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

**ECON 6440** Change course title and course number from **Special Topics in Economics to Independent Study in Economics (ECON 6990)**, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

### Change in Grading System

**ECON 5890** Internship in Economics  
Change grading to pass/fail, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

**FIN 5890** Internship in Finance  
Change grading to pass/fail, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009

## Human Sciences

### Course Number/Title Change

Change course number from **NFS 5290 Dietetic Practicum to NFS 5400 Dietetic Practicum**, effective Spring 2009

Change course title from **NFS 5221 Food Systems Management I Lab to NFS 5221 Food Systems Management Lab**, effective Spring 2009

Change course title from **NFS 5220 Food Systems Management I to NFS 5220 Food Systems Management**, effective Spring 2009

Change course title from **NFS 5250 Child Nutrition to NFS 5250 Maternal Child Nutrition**, effective Spring 2009

Change course number and title from **NFS 5280 Food Systems Management II to NFS 5222 Nutrition and Food Service Management**, effective Spring 2009

## **Psychology**

### **Change in Credit Hours**

**Reduce the number of credit hours from 46 to 43 as the requirement for the Industrial/Organizational concentration of the M.A. in Psychology, effective Spring 2009**

### **Other**

**Allow the Professional in Human Resources exam to be substituted for the Industrial/Organizational comprehensive exam, effective Spring 2009**

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

**Expand the course options comprising the M.A. in Psychology, Experimental concentration core:**

**Change PSY 6120 Developmental Psychology: Child (or 6130 if the student has had a course in Child Psychology, e.g., PSY 4190) to:**

**PSY 6120 (Developmental Psychology: Child), 6130 (Developmental Psychology: Adolescent), or 6410 (Development Across the Lifespan)**

**Change PSY 6670 Literature Review and Reading in Psychology: Behavioral Neuroscience to:**

**Literature Review and Reading in Psychology (one of the following): 6590 (General/Experimental), 6670 (Behavioral Neuroscience), 6680 (Cognitive), 6700 (Developmental), 6720 (Learning), 6730 (Personality), 6740 (Reading), 6790 (Sensation and Perception), 6810 (Social)**

**Change the PSY 5420 requirement to:**

**PSY 6810 (Literature Review and Reading in Psychology: Social) or PSY 6020 (Personality)**