

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 27, 2009

The Graduate Council met at 9:30 a.m. in the Library Conference Room #475. Vince Smith presided as Chair.

I. Call to Order

Members present:

Clare Bratten, Cosette Collier, Gore Ervin, Kevin James, Minsoo Kang, Donald Lester, Vicky MacLean, Jane Marcellus, and Bren Martin

Ex-Officio members present:

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

Guest present:

Michael Hein

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Vince Smith, Chair

Dr. Smith called the meeting to order.

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

Dr. Allen expressed appreciation for the Council members' willingness to serve.

Dr. Allen reported that the Director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), by directed authority, had approved the three new Science PhDs.

Dr. Allen and Dr. Cunningham attended the Tennessee Conference of Graduate Schools (TCGS) on October 18-19, 2009. It was held at East Tennessee State University. The College of Graduate Studies was pleased to report that enrollment was up by 10.5% this year.

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

Dr. Cunningham reported that the College of Graduate Studies has recently employed a graduate student as a thesis and dissertation consultant. The student, Brandi Williamson, is in the English Ph.D. program.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—September 29, 2009

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 29, 2009 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.*

B. Student Affairs and Travel Dr. Clare Bratten, Chair

- Dr. Bratten reported that the committee has received a large number of requests for travel funds.

C. Policies and Procedures Dr. Bren Martin, Chair

- Dr. Martin reported that the committee has not met yet.
- Dr. Martin inquired about the status of the thesis and dissertation compensation proposal. One proposal for summer pay and one proposal for academic year banking went forth to the Provost's office this past summer. Dr. Allen will contact the Provost about the status of the proposal.
- Dr. Martin asked if there were monetary resources to support students in research. Currently, there is no support available. This is possibly an area in which the Vice Provost for Research could help with funding. The Student Affairs and Travel committee was charged with creating a standard format for students to seek out and apply for funding to support their research.

D. Graduate Program Review Dr. Dorothy Craig, Chair

- No report

E. Catalog Committee
Dr. Gore Ervin, Chair

- Dr. Ervin noted that Dr. Dorothy Craig had volunteered to serve on the Catalog Committee and he welcomed any others that would like to help.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- Dr. Bratten presented the notion of exploring possible sites for an on-campus graduate student center. The Council offered positive feedback on the matter. Dr. Bratten will continue to research the matter.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Hawkins, Recording Secretary

Graduate Council – Consent Calendar

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Graduate Faculty Membership

Adjunct

Bill M. Mooningham / Accounting
Vickie L. Montgomery / Management and Marketing
Ellen L. Omohundro / Health and Human Performance

Associate

Thomas R. Berg / Electronic Media Communication
Yuan-Ling Chao / History
Kathleen H. Darby / Social Work
Mark E. Doyle / History
John H. Merchant / Recording Industry
Charles H. Perry / Engineering Technology

Full – Initial Appointment

Rebecca S. Watts / Educational Leadership

Full – Reappointment

John P. DiVincenzo / Chemistry
David A. Foote / Management and Marketing
Franklin A. Michello / Economics and Finance

Doctoral – Initial

Susan E. Myers-Shirk / History
Martha K. Norkunas / History

Doctoral – Reappointment

E. Anthon Eff / Economics and Finance

Curriculum Changes

Health and Human Performance

Other

Change the Spring application for admission and graduate assistantship application deadline for the M.S. in HPER, M.S. in Exercise Science, and the Ph.D. in Human Performance from October 31 to October 1, effective Fall 2010

Eliminate graduate minors in Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Safety, effective Spring 2010

English

Other

ENGL 6305/7305 Special Topics in Children's/Adolescent Literature, 3 credit hours, indicate that the course may be taken for multiple credit hours --- up to nine hours, effective Fall 2009

Recording Industry

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

Remove PSY 5380, Group Dynamics, as a required course for the Master of Fine Arts and replace it with LEST 6000/MRAT 6000, Creative Leadership and Collaboration, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2010

Eliminate the nine-hour cognate and replace it with nine additional hours of guided electives, effective Spring 2010

Proposed New Course(s)

MRAT 6145 Seminar in Advanced Mixing Techniques, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2010

Dyslexic Studies

Proposed New Course(s)

LITS 7130	Literacy in the Socio-Cultural Context , 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2010
LITS 7210	Evidence-Based Methods of Literacy Development , 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2010

Elementary and Special Education

Dual-Listed Courses

ELED 6340/7340	Introduction to Educational Research , 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2010
ELED 6350/7350	Introduction to Qualitative Methods , 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2010