

# GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

## September 27, 2013

The Graduate Council met at 2:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room 475.  
Chair Amy Harris presided.

### **I. Call to Order**

#### **Members present:**

Joseph Akins, Vaughn Barry, Carol Boraiko, Nita Brooks, Kathleen Darby, Bichaka Fayissa, Scott Handy, Robert Kalwinsky, Robin Lee, David O'Brien, Jay Sanders, Jennifer Vannatta-Hall, Jim Williams, and Jeremy Winters

#### **Ex-Officio/Guests present:**

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

### **II. Announcements**

#### **A. Dr. Amy Harris, Chair**

Dr. Harris welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the academic year.

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

Dr. Allen welcomed returning and new members of the Council and thanked them for their willingness to serve on the Council.

Dr. Allen informed the Council that graduate student enrollment was down approximately 300 students from last fall. This is a concern, and we are addressing it in a variety of ways.

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

Dr. Cunningham reviewed the duties of the Council and each of the sub-committees. He also informed the Council members of the absence policy and reminded them to arrange for a substitute when they are unable to attend a meeting.

Dr. Cunningham thanked Dr. Vannatta-Hall for agreeing to serve as Banner Carrier for the College of Graduate Studies at the December commencement.

Dr. Cunningham reviewed the academic program proposals that are currently at TBR or in the process of transmittal. At this time, we are submitting a proposal to establish an M.S. in Finance. We are revising our Letter of Intent for an M.A. in Liberal Arts in response to THEC questions. We continue to work with

APSU and TSU in the development of the Letter of Intent for a collaborative Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree.

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—May 17, 2013**

*A motion was made to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2013. The motion was seconded and passed.*

**IV. Sub-Committee Reports**

**A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review  
Dr. Theresa McBreen, Chair**

- Consent Calendar attached
- *A motion was made to accept the consent calendar. The motion was seconded and passed.*

**B. Student Affairs and Travel  
Dr. Robin Lee, Chair**

- Now receiving applications for student and faculty travel grants and will have a report for the October meeting.

**C. Policies and Procedures  
Dr. Jim Williams, Chair**

- No report at this time.

**D. Graduate Program Review  
Dr. Larry Burriss, Chair**

- Dr. Cunningham explained the Graduate Program Review requirements of TBR/THEC and the role of Graduate Council in the review of graduate programs. There will be five graduate programs under review during the 2013-2014 academic year.

**V. Old Business**

- There was no old business before the Council.

**VI. New Business**

- Election of Vice-Chair

The Council elected Dr. Nita Brooks to serve as Vice-Chair.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

# **Graduate Council – Consent Calendar September 27, 2013**

## **Graduate Faculty Membership**

Jeremy Aber / Geosciences / PhD  
Kathleen Banks/ Educational Leadership / PhD  
Julie Barger / English / PhD  
Denise Bates / Health & Human Performance / PhD  
Christopher Baumgartner / Music / PhD  
Sandra Benson / Accounting / JD  
Aleka Blackwell / English / PhD  
Robert Blair / Business Communication & Entrepreneurship / PhD  
Kevin Bicker / Chemistry / PhD  
Ann Callahan / Social Work / PhD  
Dorothy Craig / Educational Leadership / EdD  
Paul Craig / Aerospace / EdD  
Virginia Dansby / Educational Leadership / EdD  
Oscar Diaz-Ortiz / Foreign Languages & Literature / PhD  
Keying Ding / Chemistry / PhD  
Meredith Dye / Sociology & Anthropology / PhD  
Ronald Ferrara / Aerospace / EdD  
James Hart / Mathematical Sciences / PhD  
Ying Jin / Psychology / PhD  
Robert Kalwinsky / Electronic Media Communication / PhD  
Donald Kendrick / Psychology / PhD  
Rachel Leander / Mathematical Sciences / PhD  
Brian Miller / Biology / PhD  
Soraya Nogueira / Foreign Languages & Literature / PhD  
Paul Osterfield / Music / DMA  
Sherry Roberts / Business Communication & Entrepreneurship / PhD  
Kathryn Sikes / History / PhD  
Vincent Smith / Business Communication & Entrepreneurship / EdD  
Donald Snead / Educational Leadership / EdD  
Holly Spooner / Agribusiness and Agriscience / PhD  
Sid Sridhara / Engineering Technology / PhD  
Karen Ward / Nursing / PhD  
Debra Wilson / Nursing / PhD  
William Yelverton / Music / DMus  
Jungsoon Yoo / Computer Science / PhD  
Sung Yoo / Computer Science / PhD

### **Adjunct**

Constance Blake / Nursing / MSN

Amanda Damaschun / Educational Leadership

William Gentry / English / PhD

Joy Green-Hadden / Nursing / DNP

Sandra Jones / Psychology / MA

Marvin McDonald / Elementary & Special Education / MA

Timothy Pearson / Music / MMu

## **Curriculum Changes**

### ***Educational Leadership***

#### **Other-Change in Course Descriptions**

- LIBS 5150 Books, Media, and Literacy for Children, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2014
- LIBS 5160 Books, Media, and Literacy for Young People and Adults, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2014
- LIBS 6120 Classification and Cataloging Media and Materials, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2014
- LIBS 6180 Library Practicum Pre K – 6, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2014
- LIBS 6190 Library Practicum 7 - 12, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2014
- LIBS 6200 School Library Media Center Skills and Issues, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2014

### ***Nursing***

#### **Proposed New Course**

Impose the following deadlines for applications to the MSN-RODP Program:

October 1 for spring admissions

February 1 for summer admissions

April 1 for fall admissions

To be effective Fall 2013

## *Sociology and Anthropology*

### **Course Number Change**

Change SOC 5510, Social Movements and Social Change to SOC 5511, effective Spring 2014

### **Other-Change in Degree Requirements**

No longer allow 5000-level courses to count towards completion of the Master's degree in Sociology, effective Spring 2014

## *Elementary and Special Education*

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

Add ELED 6570 Integrated Curriculum to the K-6 Initial Licensure Program (ILP), effective Spring 2014

Remove "4-8" from the ELED 6570 Methods of Curriculum Integration description. Currently, the prerequisite for ELED 6570 reads: "Acceptance into graduate studies and the 4-8 Initial Licensure Program." The proposed request is to remove the "4-8" language. To be effective Spring 2014.

### **Other**

Change the required MAT score to 386 in the Initial Licensure Program, effective Spring 2014

Inactivate the Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction degree program, effective Fall 2013

Inactivate the Math track with the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction – Elementary Program, effective Fall 2013

Inactivate the ELL track with the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction – Elementary Program, effective Fall 2013

Inactivate the Research track with the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction – Elementary Program, effective Fall 2013

## *Concrete Industry Management*

### **Proposed New Course**

CIM 6010 Concrete Construction Troubleshooting, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2014