

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

September 26, 2014

The Graduate Council met at 2:00 p.m. in Ingram 101. Chair Nita Brooks presided.

I. Call to Order

Members present:

Joseph Akins, Vaughn Barry, Jeff Bonner, Carol Boraiko, Ginny Dansby, Kathleen Darby, Bichaka Fayissa, Josh Howard, Robert Kalwinsky, Steve Livingston, Pamela Morris, Dwight Patterson, Lencie Plancher, Brian Robertson, Jennifer Vannatta-Hall, Monica Wallace, Cliff Welborn, Jeremy Winters

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

Dr. Eller welcomed the members of the Graduate Council and asked for introductions of each member.

Dr. Eller suggested that the Council consider imposing deadlines for the submission of graduate faculty applications so that there will not be applications awaiting approval during the summer months when the Graduate Council does not meet.

Dr. Eller would also like to have a small subcommittee of the Graduate Council in place during the summer months for issues that may arise during those times when the full Council does not meet. This subcommittee could possibly consist of the already existing subcommittee chairs or a designee from each committee.

C. Dr. Scott Handy, Interim Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Handy welcomed the Graduate Council members and thanked everyone for their willingness to serve.

Dr. Handy noted that there is a need to streamline the process for Graduate Faculty Membership. The criteria and guidelines will need to be reviewed in an effort to clarify them.

Dr. Handy discussed the duties of each of the Graduate Council Subcommittees. The Policies and Procedures Committee is responsible for suggesting and reviewing policy changes. The Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review Committee is tasked with the review of both the graduate curriculum changes and applications for graduate faculty membership. The Student Affairs and Travel Committee will review and approve student and faculty travel requests. Dr. Handy also charged this committee with proposing solutions to stretch the travel budget so that funds will be available for those presenting in the spring semesters. The Graduate Program Review Committee will be responsible for assessing and ranking the graduate program external reviewers before presenting them to the full Council. There will be four graduate program reviews this academic year. They include:

Computational Science, PhD
Mathematics and Science Education, PhD
Molecular Biosciences, PhD

Dr. Handy reviewed the Absence Policy with the Council. Members will need to find a representative from their department to attend Graduate Council meetings in their absence.

Dr. Handy noted that we continue to work with departments on creating ABMs and there are several academic proposals up for review. They include:

Masters in Genetic Counseling, Library Science, Finance, and Liberal Arts; Doctor of Nursing Practice

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—May 16, 2014

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2014. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

**A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review
Dr. Vaughn Barry, Chair**

- The September 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

- No report at this time.

C. Policies and Procedures
Dr. Bichaka Fayissa, Chair

- Dr. Fayissa noted that he will be contacting the committee to discuss the policy on graduate assistantships.

D. Graduate Program Review
Dr. Ginny Dansby, Chair

- No report at this time.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- Dr. Nita Brooks asked for volunteers to fill the role of Vice-Chair. Dr. Jennifer Vannatta-Hall will serve as Vice-Chair during the fall semester.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm. The next Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for October 24th.

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**Graduate Council – Consent Calendar
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Graduate Faculty Membership

Stoney Brooks / Computer Information Systems / PhD
Elvira Casal / English / PhD
Peter Cunningham / Health and Human Performance / ReD
Teresa Davis / Psychology / PhD
Sean Foley / History / PhD
Martha Norkunas / History / PhD
Amy Sayward / History / PhD
Ping Zhang / Mathematical Sciences / PhD

Adjunct

Michael Edwards / Health and Human Performance / PhD
Timothy Odegard / Psychology / PhD

Graduate Curriculum Changes

Mathematical Sciences

Other-Change in Prerequisites

STAT 5140 Remove STAT5130 as a prerequisite and change wording to “must be enrolled in the MS-Professional Science program and graduate level.”

Changes to be effective Spring 2015

Criminal Justice Administration

Inactivation of Courses

CJA 6700 Community-Based Corrections
CJA 6830 Violence and Victimology
CJA 6920 Sem Criminal Justice Plan Mgmt
CJA 6930 Comparative Systems in Criminal Justice
CJA 6940 Crimes, Criminals, and Treatment
CJA 6950 Business & Industrial Security

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Art

Inactivation of Courses

ART 6210 Theories in Art and Art Education
ART 6230 Research Methods in Art Education

Changes to be effective Spring 2015

Sociology

Inactivation of Courses

SOC 5090 Healthcare Management
SOC 5320 Public Opinion and Propoganda
SOC 6000 Comparative and Social Change
SOC 6680 Counseling Elders
SOC 6700 Introduction to Community and Regional Development
SOC 6710 Japanese Society and Business

Changes to be effective Spring 2015

Literacy Studies

Inactivation of Course

LITS 6021 Cognitive Neuropsychology of Literacy

Change to be effective Spring 2015

Geosciences

Other

Change name of the graduate minor Geography to Physical Geography, effective Spring 2015

Proposed New Courses and Non-Substantive Revisions

(approved pending approval by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for dual-listed courses)

PGEO 5000 Climatology and Climate Change, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2015
PGEO 5010 Biogeography, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2015

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PGEO 5020 Environmental Issues, Impacts and Sustainability, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2015

PGEO 5511 Advanced Remote Sensing, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2015

PGEO 6060 Advanced Topics in Geosciences, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2015

History

Non-Substantive Revisions

Change in Program Description for the M.A. in History/Public History Concentration, effective Fall 2014

Clarification of Admission Requirement for the Ph.D. in Public History --- Instead of “completion of at least 18 semester hours of undergraduate history credit or minimum of 21 semester hours of graduate history credit”, change wording to “completion of at least 18 semester hours of graduate or undergraduate history credit.” Change to be effective Spring 2015

Political Science

Inactivation of Course

PS 5000 Quantitative Methods of Research

PS 5020 Political Science Lab

PS 5050 Introduction to City and Regional Planning

PS 5261 Political Status of Women in the World

PS 5410 Business and Government

PS 6000 Comparative Social Change

PS 6260 Readings in Political Science and Public Administration

Changes to be effective Spring 2015

Biology

Proposed New Course to be Dual-Listed

BIOL 7270 Cell Metabolism and Human Disease, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2015

Psychology

Proposed New Course and Non-Substantive Revisions

PSY 5430 Ethical Conduct in Behavior Analysis, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2015

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Proposed Changes to the Clinical Curriculum for the ABA Specialization:

- Add as a requirement to the core – PSY 6400 Child Psychopathology, 3 credit hours
- Instead of requiring both PSY 6280 (Stats I) and PSY 6290 (Stats II), students now have the option of one or the other
- For the ABA Specialization, add the new course, PSY 5430 (Ethical Conduct in Behavior Analysis) and add the choice of one elective from PSY 6390, SPED 5240, SPED 5280, or SPED 6730
- Drop PSY 6020, Personality, as a requirement

Changes to be effective Spring 2015

Assessment, Learning and School Improvement

Change in Admission to Program

Under Application Procedures: (1) Add “All application materials are due by the end of January each calendar year.” (2) There are changes to the specifics of the three required recommendation letters.

Other- Course Description Revision

ALSI 7020 Implementing a Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum, revise course description

All changes to be effective Fall 2014

TABLED CURRICULUM ITEMS

Chemistry

Proposed New Course and Dual-Listed

CHEM 4150/6150 Bioorganic Chemistry, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2015