

# GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

## February 27, 2015

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, Ginny Dansby, Bichaka Fayissa, Josh Howard, Robert Kalwinsky, Steve Livingston, Pamela Morris, Dwight Patterson, Brian Robertson, Monica Wallace, Cliff Welborn, and 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 at 2:05 pm.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—January 23, 2015**

*A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.*

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

#### **A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review**

##### **Dr. Vaughn Barry, Chair**

- The February 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 distributed a report that recommends requiring that certain graduate forms be co-signed by the graduate program director/coordinator and the department chair regardless of whether or not the chair has graduate faculty status. In particular, the two forms discussed were the Cover Memo for Curriculum Changes and the Graduate Faculty Membership Application. After a great deal of discussion by the Council, the item was tabled while Council members think it over and discuss within their respective departments.

**D. Graduate Program Review**  
**Dr. Ginny Dansby, Chair**

- No report at this time.

**V. Old Business**

- Dr. Handy continued the discussion from last meeting regarding English Language Proficiency Standards. The Graduate Council was agreeable with the notion of revising our current English Language Proficiency Standards. The consensus is to raise the standards by individual program needs. There is a need to develop more English language courses. Dr. Handy noted that as of October 2012, we have an agreement with the International English Institute (similar to ELS). Dr. Handy anticipates having the revisions in the form of a proposal by the end of the spring semester.

**VI. New Business**

- None at this time.

*There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 pm. The next Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>.*

Feb 2015

## Graduate Council – Consent Calendar February 27, 2015

### Graduate Faculty Membership

#### Full

Marion Hollings / English / PhD / M00020838  
Timothy Koski / Accounting / PhD / M00021935

#### Adjunct

Alyssa Hasty / Biology / PhD /  
Carol Kammen / History / BA  
Rob Porter / Health and Human Performance / PhD –  
Jenni Stinnett / Nursing / DNP / M00380813  
Lu Xiong / Mathematical Sciences / PhD / M01138532  
Sharon Yates / Elementary and Special Education / EdD –

### Graduate Curriculum Changes

#### *Biology*

##### Proposed New Course

BIOL 6190 Animal Physiological Ecology, 4 credit hours, effective Fall 2015

##### Proposed New Course / Dual-Listed

BIOL 6250/7250 Genomics, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2015

#### *Agribusiness and Agriscience*

##### Proposed New Course

ABAS 6550 Advanced Equine Exercise Physiology, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2015

#### *Engineering Technology*

##### Other

Remove the requirement for taking the comprehensive examination under the Non-Thesis Option. Instead, students choosing the Non-Thesis Option will complete the research project within the required ET 6190 Six Sigma course and present the results.

Changes requested effective Spring 2015

Feb 2015

## ***Math and Science Education PhD***

### **Other**

Revision of Residency Requirements to allow three semesters as opposed to two semesters for non-GTA students to complete the initial 18 hours of coursework and engage in the scholarly community. Proposed changes to be effective Fall 2015.

## ***Educational Leadership***

### **Proposed New Courses**

COUN 6990 Special Topics: Private Practice for Mental Health Professionals, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2015

## ***Global Studies***

### **Inactivation of Course**

GEOG 5460 Geography of the Former Soviet Union, effective Spring 2015

## ***Music***

### **Proposed New Course**

MUS 6360 Music Industry Mindset, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2015

## ***Economics and Finance***

### **Other**

Accelerated Bachelor's / Master's in Economics, effective Fall 2015

### **Inactivations**

Changes to be effective Fall 2015

FIN 5310	Public Finance
FIN 5730	Insurance Company Operations
FIN 7460	Financial Markets
ECON 5310	Public Finance
ECON 5390	Employee Benefits
ECON 5400	Business and Government
ECON 5490	Industrial Relations Legislation
ECON 6040	Survey of Employment Relations
ECON 6200	Economics of Education
ECON 6500	Modern Issues in Labor and Industrial Relations
ECON 6510	Theory and Analysis in Labor Economics
ECON 6520	Special Media Projects
ECON 6540	Japanese Society and Business
ECON 6550	Studies in Economic Development: Pacific Asia
ECON 6570	Industrial Org and Strategy
ECON 7200	Economics of Education

Feb 2015

ECON 7250	Methods of Outcome Assessment
ECON 7390	Social Insurance and Pensions
ECON 7460	Financial Markets
ECON 7570	Industrial Organization and Strategy
ECON 7610	Economic Internship
ECON 7720	Monetary Economics II

## ***Business Communication and Entrepreneurship***

### **Proposed New Course**

BCEN 6935 Entrepreneurship, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2015

## ***Computer Information Systems***

### **Other**

Create a New Concentration –

Business Intelligence and Analytics within the existing MS in Information Systems, effective Fall 2015

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

Change one of the required core course for all concentrations of the MS in Information Systems from QM 6770 to BIA 6905 (Applied Business Analytics). Thus, the four required courses will become INFS 6710, INFS 6790, INFS 6980, and BIA 6905. Change to be effective Fall 2015

## ***Business Administration***

### **Other**

Create a New Concentration –

Healthcare Management within the existing Master's of Business Administration, effective Fall 2015

Convert MBA Program to Fully Online Program without terminating the existing MBA Program, effective Fall 2015

## ***Recording Industry***

### **Proposed New Courses**

RIM 6050 International Popular Music, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2015

RIM 6400 International Entertainment Transactions, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2015

### **Course Title Change**

RIM 6300 Change Title from Recording Industry Economics to **Recording Industry Economics and Emerging Business Models**, effective Fall 2015