

Graduate Council Minutes

November 30, 2006



The Graduate Council met at 2:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room. Chair Marc Singer presided.

I. Call to Order

Members present: Charlie Baum, Kristen Beadle, Melissa Castellaw, Cosette Collier, Teresa Davis, Wayne Dornan, Jackie Eller, William Ilsley, Zeny Panol, Philip Phillips, Amy Staples, Mary Lou Veal, and Jane Williams

Ex-officio members present: Pamela Knox, Associate Dean College of Graduate Studies

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Marc Singer, Chair

Dr. Singer stated that schedule grids for the spring semester would be emailed to all council members next week, please fill these out and turn back in so that we can have a decision on meeting dates for next semester by the December 14, 2006 meeting.

B. Dr. Pamela L. Knox, Associate Dean College of Graduate Studies

It was noted that the final two candidates for the Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies will be on campus next week and it is important that members of the Graduate Council meet and assess each candidate.

III. Approval of Minutes – October 26, 2006

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2006 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review

Dr. Amy Staples

- Consent calendar attached – Dr. Staples asked that the calendar be accepted as attached with the addition of a proposed new course IMIC 5820 and re-appointment to full graduate faculty status for James Williams in History. A motion was made to accept the calendar as amended; the motion was seconded and passed.

B. Student Affairs and Travel

Dr. Jane Williams, Chair

- Dr. Williams passed out an accounting of the Graduate Program Enhancement Budget. Beginning with an opening balance of \$32, 652.00; 27 student grants and 18 faculty grants have been awarded, the fund has a remaining balance of \$13,843.83.
- With regards to past discussion as to the disbursement of funds for students and faculty and fall versus spring, Dr. Williams also handed out a detailed report of last year's funds, approximately a 70/30 split between student and faculty (it was also noted that we are currently on track this year for the same). After much discussion it was decided to leave the current system as is and make no changes to the procedures as they currently stand. The College of Graduate Studies will however revise all forms to include the following statement, "You must notify the College of Graduate Studies if you plan to travel before or on the date of departure. Notify the College of Graduate Studies as soon as possible if you are unable to attend so that funds can be made available to other deserving persons." A motion was made, seconded and passed.

C. Policies and Procedures

Dr. William Ilsley

- Dr. Ilsley noted that the council reviewed the committee's recommendations in revising the current Graduate Assistant policy. The committee generally recommended only one major revision and that being how long a student is allowed to hold an assistantship. The policy will be extended by one year; master's students will be allowed to hold an assistantship for up to three years and doctoral students will be allowed to hold an assistantship for up to four years. For those students who receive outside summer funding (in the form of an assistantship) this time will not count towards their limit of service; those students holding half-time assistantships will be allowed to hold assistantships up to six years for masters and eight years for doctoral (if all years are served at the half-time level). A motion was made to un-table the Graduate Assistant Policy revision. The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was then made to accept the changes as listed above and written in numbers 6 and 8 of the current graduate assistant policy, the motion was seconded and carried.
- Dr. Ilsley explained that in looking at revising Graduate Faculty Membership, the committee only looked at the faculty categories as they felt review of criteria was an oversight of the graduate council. If the committee is to do more than this they need some guidance from the council on exactly what they should be looking at. The council discussed several issues regarding graduate faculty membership, including the criticism of categories to no protection for workload issues, and research issues for those in the performing arts. The question was asked, "Can the existing problems be clarified, and the current content modified to address these issues?" The committee will take these issues under advisement and revisit with the council.

D. Graduate Program Review

Dr. Jackie Eller

- Three external candidates for the Psychology program were reviewed and while the committee felt that all three candidates were highly qualified, they recommend that the Council approve Dr. Kathy Hildebrand Karrakera, University of West Virginia as the external program reviewer for Psychology. A motion was made to approve Dr. Karrakera, it was seconded and passed.

E. Catalog Committee

Dr. Philip Phillips, Chair

- The committee has completely reviewed and revised the front matter of the catalog. A number of changes had already been suggested and made so the corrections they made were minor and just inconsistencies. Dr. Phillips went over some questions the committee had with regards to admission policies and reviewed with the council.

V. Old Business

- No report

VI. New Business

- New Suspension & Probation Rules – Dr. Knox will email these (with track changes) to the council with questions by the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Lynn Parker
Recording Secretary

Graduate Council – Consent Calendar

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Graduate Faculty Membership

Adjunct Membership

Jerry Campbell / Psychology
Sallie Scovill / Health

Associate Level 1 – Initial Membership

Sean Foley / History

Full Membership – Initial

Jwa Kim / Psychology

Full Membership – Re-Appointment

Christopher Quarto / Psychology
James Williams / History

Doctoral Membership – Initial Membership

James N. Comas / English

Curriculum Changes

Economics & Finance

Proposed New Courses(s)

ECON 7520 Advanced Labor Economics II, 3 credit hours, effective
spring 2007

English

Inactivation of Course

ENGL 5010

Folklore, Deactivate, 3 credit hours, effective spring 2007

Other

Admissions Process: Application for spring admission must be complete by October 1, effective spring 2007

Health & Human Performance

Other

Change the title of the MS degree in Exercise Science and Health Promotion to MS in Exercise Science, effective spring 2007

SPEECH & THEATRE

Dual-Listed Courses/Inactivation of Courses

(All effective spring 2007)

- CDIS 5050** Introduction to Communication Disorders
- CDIS 5150** Phonetics
- CDIS 5200** Phonological Disorders
- CDIS 5300** Clinical Methods in Communication Disorders
- CDIS 5350** Hearing Problems and Testing
- CDIS 5400** Anatomy & Function of the Speech Mechanism
- CDIS 5450** Fluency Disorders
- CDIS 5500** Intervention for Individuals with Hearing Loss
- CDIS 5550-5580** Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology I
- CDIS 5600** Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology II
- CDIS 5650** Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology III
- CDIS 5700-5730** Practicum in Audiology
- CDIS 5750** Advanced Audiology
- CDIS 5850** Speech & Language Disorders in Childhood
- CDIS 5900** Diagnostic Procedures in Speech Pathology
- CDIS 5950** Special Topics in Communication Disorders

Social Work

Proposal for New Program

Masters in Social Work

Psychology

Course Number/Title Change

PSY 6060 School Psychology – Change title to School Psychology: Ethics and Practice, 3 credit hours, effective spring 2007

Mass Communications

Non-Substantive Revisions in Curriculum of Existing Major, Minor, and Concentrations

MC 6300 / Media Law & Ethics will become a requirement for all MS in Mass Communications students; comprehensive exam will now become a requirement for all MS in Mass Communications students; the current “Comprehensive Exam Track” will be renamed “Media Management Track”

Educational Leadership

Change in Admission to Program (Major)

Delete term National Teacher Examination, add or a valid Tennessee teacher license (see attached), effective fall 2006

Business Communication & Entrepreneurship

Change graduate course prefixes from BMOM to BCEN, effective fall 07

Basic & Applied Science

Proposed New Course

IMIC 5820 Practical Training in Microanalysis, 1 credit hour, effective summer 2007