

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

June 6, 2008

The Graduate Council met at 10:00 a.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room of the Sam Ingram Building. Philip Phillips presided as Chair.

I. Call to order

Members present:

Teresa Davis, Kevin James, Saleh Sbenaty, Jackie Eller, Mary Lou Veal, Ron Ferrara and Leslie Merritt

Ex-Officio members present:

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

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Philip Phillips, Chair

Dr. Phillips thanked the Council, the subcommittee and the subcommittee chairs for their hard work and diligence throughout the past academic year. Dr. Phillips welcomed graduate student, Leslie Merritt, to the Council as she will be replacing Clay Kennedy.

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

Dr. Allen gave a brief update on the status of the three Science PhDs in Molecular Biosciences, Computational Science, and Math and Science Education. The Tennessee Board of Regents has reviewed the three PhDs and sent us their concerns/issues. Dr. Allen stated that the concerns and issues have been addressed and sent back to Academic Affairs.

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

Dr. Cunningham stated that normally graduate students not enrolled in the summer cannot check out library materials. The current library policy regarding graduate students checking out books is now under review.

Dr. Cunningham stated that curriculum changes up through today's council meeting will be placed in the new two-year graduate catalog (2008-2010). The catalog revisions have been distributed to the academic departments for review.

Dr. Cunningham noted that there are three graduate program masters proposals being worked on. The proposals are Health Behavior Promotion (M.S. in

Teaching Physical Education), Horse Science-Leisure and Sport Management, and Information Systems to be reviewed this month.

Dr. Cunningham also noted that there are two new PhDs in the works. The feasibility study has been completed for the PhD in Education-Teaching and Learning. The feasibility study for the PhD in Psychology has begun.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—April 30, 2008

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 30, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review Dr. Mary Lou Veal, Chair

- Dr. Veal noted that in reviewing the curriculum changes, the most common delays were due to instructions not being followed completely in order to meet all the criteria and the departments not differentiating between the Masters and PhD level for dual-listed courses. It is important to complete and submit all pertinent forms in a timely fashion so that the effective date to begin the curriculum change can be met.
- Consent Calendar attached
- *A motion was made to accept the consent calendar. The motion was seconded and carried.*

B. Student Affairs and Travel Dr. Kevin James, Chair

- Dr. James reported the Graduate Program Enhancement Budget now has a remaining balance of \$0.45.

C. Policies and Procedures Dr. Jane Williams, Chair

- No report

D. Graduate Program Review
Dr. Teresa Davis, Chair

- Dr. Davis noted the external review follow-up meeting for the Masters and PhD in English was held last week.

E. Catalog Committee
Dr. Jackie Eller, Chair

- Dr. Cunningham stated that the 2008-2010 graduate catalog is expected to be distributed two weeks prior to the beginning of the Fall semester.

V. Old Business

- Graduate Assistant Policy- Contract Period Revisions

In an effort to clarify the policy regarding Graduate Assistantship contract periods, Dr. Cunningham suggested revising the wording of MTSU Policy NO: IV:07:12. Currently, under section IV-Contract Period of the policy, it reads: *Should a student choose to pursue additional graduate degrees, he or she will have renewed eligibility for assistantship with the beginning of each degree of a higher level. A student is not normally eligible for a Graduate Assistantship when pursuing a second degree at the same level at which they previously held a Graduate Assistantship.* The Graduate Council voted in favor of revising the wording from the afore mentioned text to read as follows: ***Students who have completed one degree while holding a Graduate Assistantship, and who are accepted into a second graduate degree program are eligible to apply for another Graduate Assistantship.*** The suggested revision will be sent to the Provost's office.

VI. New Business

- Academic Standards regarding Retention, Probation, and Suspension (pg 44 of current catalog)

The current policy is stated as follows: *A graduate student whose cumulative graduate GPA is less than 3.00 will be placed on academic probation for the subsequent term...If the student fails to attain the required GPA at the close of the third semester of probation, the student will be suspended automatically.* Dr. Cunningham noted that the suspension policy may be viewed as harsh because with the current setup in the Banner system

a student may be suspended after only completing nine hours. This matter will be discussed and handled in the Deans' Council.

Dr. Phillips closed by noting that this is the last scheduled Council meeting of the academic year. Dr. Phillips thanked the Council and expressed his pleasure in working with all the members. Dr. Jackie Eller will be the Chair of the Graduate Council for the 2008-2009 academic year.

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

Associate

Sandra Benson / Accounting
Leigh Anne Clark / Management and Marketing
W. Randy Clark / Management and Marketing
Amy Hennington / Computer Information Systems
Amy Huff / Nursing
C. Daniel Prather / Aerospace
Cliff Welborn / Management and Marketing
Justyna Kostkowska / English

Full Reappointment

James Calder / Elementary and Special Education
Jackie Gilbert / Management and Marketing
John Mullane / Management and Marketing
Catherine Stogner / Human Sciences
Joe Thomas / Management and Marketing

Doctoral Initial

Dorothy Craig / Educational Leadership
Richard Farley / Health and Human Performance

Doctoral Reappointment

Bichaka Fayissa / Economics and Finance
Jeffrey Walck / Biology

Curriculum Changes

Literacy Studies

Change in Admission to Program (Major)

Changes in admission requirements for Ph.D. in Literacy Studies, effective Fall 2008

Elementary and Special Education

Proposed New Course(s)

ELED 6370 Education and Ethno-Cultural Diversity, 3 credit hours, effective
Fall 2008

Other

Substantive Curriculum Modification in M.Ed.-Curriculum and Instruction, effective Fall 2008

Economics and Finance

Other

ECON 6100 Mathematical Methods for Economists, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2008
Change wording in catalog description

Proposed New Course(s)

ECON 6105 Advanced Mathematical Methods for Economists, 3 credit hours,
effective Fall 2008

Course Number/Title Change

ECON 7121 Change name of Seminar in Applied Microeconomic Theory to
Microeconomics III and change course number to ECON 7130, 3 credit
hours, effective Fall 2008

ECON 7510 Change name of Theory and Analysis in Labor Economics and Industrial
Relations to Advanced Labor Economics I, 3 credit hours, effective Fall
2008

ECON 7630 Change name of Seminar in Applied Econometrics to Econometrics III, 3
credit hours, effective Fall 2008

ECON 7710/FIN 7710 Change name of Topics in Advanced Financial Economics to Advanced
Financial Economics I, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2008

English

Course Number/Title Change

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| ENGL 6310/7310 | Change name of Studies in Popular Culture to Popular Culture Studies, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2008 |
| ENGL 6650/7650 | Change name of Special Topics in Popular Culture to Special Topics in Popular Culture Studies, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2008 |

Health and Human Performance

Proposed New Course(s)

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| EXSC 6850/7850 | Physical Activity, Exercise, and Disease, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2008 |
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Sociology and Anthropology

Course Number/Title Change

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| SOC 6660 | Change name of Program Management and Evaluation to Program Evaluation, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009 |
| SOC 6545 | Topics in Gender, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009 |

Regents Online Degree Program

Proposal for New Concentration(s)

To establish the new concentration of **Training and Development** with specializations in Distance Training and On-site Training for the Regents Online Degree Program (RODP) Master of Professional Studies, effective Fall 2008.

PRST 5410/6410/7410 Evaluation of Learning, 3 credit hours
PRST 5420/6420/7420 Organizational Needs Analysis, 3 credit hours
PRST 5430/6430/7430 Instructional Design for Electronic Training, 3 credit hours
PRST 5440/6440/7440 Teaching Online, 3 credit hours
PRST 5450/6450/7450 Computer-Based Instruction, 3 credit hours

PRST 5460/6460/7460 Instructional Design for Training and Development, 3 credit hours
PRST 5470/6470/7470 Facilitation of Learning, 3 credit hours

To establish the new concentration of Human Resources Leadership for the Regents Online
Degree
Program Master of Professional Studies, effective Fall 2008.

PRST 5910/6910/7910 Employment and Human Resource Law, 3 credit hours
PRST 5920/6920/7920 Cultural Diversity in the Workplace, 3 credit hours
PRST 5930/6930/7930 Compensation and Benefits, 3 credit hours
PRST 5940/6940/7940 Recruitment, Selection, and Retention, 3 credit hours

Accounting

Proposed New Course(s)

BLAW 6500 Legal Aspects of Healthcare, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2009