

# GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

## December 10, 2010

The Graduate Council met at 1:30 p.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Sam Ingram Building. Chair Clare Bratten presided.

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

#### **Members present:**

Kathy Burriss, Michaele Chappell, Cosette Collier, Clay Cotham, Kevin Donovan, Gore Ervin, Michael Hein, Donald Lester, Vicky MacLean, Bren Martin, Don Morgan, David Penn, Craig Rice, Greg Schmidt and Vince Smith

#### **Ex-Officio members present:**

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

### **II. Announcements**

#### **A. Dr. Clare Bratten, Chair**

Dr. Bratten opened the meeting.

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

Drs. Allen and Cunningham attended the Council of Graduate Schools annual meeting in Washington, D.C. last week. The CGS meeting was informative and included 750 participants.

Dr. Allen noted that at least 20 doctoral degrees must be awarded each year in order to maintain Carnegie classification. So far, our graduate program directors have identified thirteen doctoral students on track to graduate in May 2011.

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

Dr. Cunningham reported that the GRE revised General Test will start being administered on August 1, 2011. As part of the revisions to the GRE, there is a new scoring scale for both the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections. The Verbal and Quantitative sections will be reported on a new 130-170 scoring scale.

Along this new scale, scores will be reported in 1-point increments as opposed to 200-800 in 10-point increments. Some other revisions to the GRE include placing more emphasis on reading and more complex reasoning, removing the antonyms and analogies portions of the test, and providing calculators to test-takers.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—November 19, 2010**

*A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2010. The motion was seconded and passed.*

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

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

**Dr. John DiVincenzo, Chair**

- Consent calendar attached
- *A motion was made to accept the consent calendar. The motion was seconded and carried.*
- *A motion was made to accept the proposal to add a new concentration to the existing M.S. in Aviation Administration. The new concentration, *Aviation Safety and Security Management*, is to be effective in Fall 2011. The motion was seconded and passed.*

#### **B. Student Affairs and Travel**

**Dr. Vicky MacLean, Chair**

- Dr. MacLean reported that the applications for Graduate Faculty and Student Travel have slowed significantly.
- Dr. MacLean reported that the committee continues making comparative analyses to find out graduate assistantship funding information from peer institutions.

#### **C. Policies and Procedures**

**Dr. Vince Smith, Chair**

- No report

#### **D. Graduate Program Review**

**Dr. Kevin Donovan, Chair**

- Dr. Donovan has contacted graduate program directors about setting up an organizational meeting to discuss plans to form a Graduate Student Association. Dr. Donovan urged council members to recommend student leaders who could be invited the organizational meeting.

## V. Old Business

## VI. New Business

- Dr. Cunningham introduced the notion of possibly offering Accelerated Bachelors and Masters degrees (ABMs). Such a program would allow high-performing undergraduates to complete both bachelor's and master's degrees simultaneously. Dr. Cunningham will gather further information to bring to the next Council meeting.
- Dr. Cunningham proposed an addition to MTSU Policy NO.: IV:07:12 on the Employment of Graduate Assistants / Graduate Teaching Assistants. The addition would state: *Non-Tennessee residents holding a graduate assistantship are considered in-state for tuition purposes during the semesters in which they hold an assistantship. Students holding an academic year assistantship during the spring term, and having an appointment for a graduate assistantship in the following fall term, are considered in-state for tuition purposes during the summer term. Students holding an academic year assistantship in the spring term, and who have filed an approved Intent to Graduate Form for the following summer term, are considered in-state for tuition purposes during that final summer term. A motion was made to accept this proposed addition. The motion was seconded and passed.*
- Dr. Bratten asked for three volunteers for the next Graduate Academic Suspension Appeals Committee. The appeals will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 in the Ingram building. Drs. Cosette Collier, Kathy Burriss, and Michaele Chappell volunteered.

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**

**Adjunct**

John Black / Aerospace  
Nicole A. Cobb / Educational Leadership  
William L. Gentry / English  
Keri McGiboney / Educational Leadership

**Associate**

Tony V. Johnston / Agribusiness & Agriscience

**Full – Reappointment**

John D. Winborn / Health and Human Performance

**Doctoral – Initial**

L. Diane Miller / Mathematical Sciences

# Curriculum Changes

## *Speech and Theatre*

### Reactivation of Course

THEA 5990    Reactivate Problems in Theatre, 1-3 credit hours, repeatable up to 6 hours, effective Spring 2011

## *Sociology*

### Proposed New Courses/Dual-Listed Courses

SOC 5361    Contemporary Issues in Women's Health, cross-list with SOC 4361, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2011

## *Math and Science Education*

### Proposed New Courses

MSE 7820    Seminar in Mathematics and Science Education, 1 credit hour, effective Spring 2011

## *Aerospace*

### Proposed New Courses

*To be effective Fall 2011*

AERO 6310    Introduction to Aviation Security, 3 credit hours

AERO 6320    Aviation Security II, 3 credit hours

AERO 6441    Applied Research Capstone Project, 1-3 credit hours

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

For the M.S. in Aviation Administration program, both Aviation Management and Aviation Education concentrations, the current course requirement of AERO 6640 Thesis Research to be changed to either AERO 6640 Thesis Research **or** AERO6441 Applied Research Capstone project, effective Fall 2011

## *Professional Science*

### Proposed New Courses

ACSI 6020    Construction and Evaluation of Actuarial Methods, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2011

ACSI 6030    Actuarial Models for Life Contingencies, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2011

ACSI 6040    Actuarial Models for Financial Economics, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2011