

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 27, 2012

The Graduate Council met at 1:30 p.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room of the Sam Ingram Building. Chair Craig Rice presided.

I. Call to Order

Members present:

Helen Binkley, Kathy Burriss, Larry Burriss, Michaele Chappell, Cosette Collier, Jamie Fuston, Kristen Deathridge, Kevin Donovan, Amy Hennington, Donald Lester, Vicky MacLean, Theresa McBreen, David Penn, Jason Reineke, and Greg Schmidt

Ex-Officio members present:

Michael Allen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Lana Seivers, Dean, College of Education

Guests present:

Bob Eaker, Professor, Educational Leadership

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Craig Rice, Chair

Dr. Rice opened the meeting.

B. Dr. Michael Allen, Dean

Dr. Allen reported that there are 20 PhD graduates this year.

C. Dr. Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean

Dr. Cunningham distributed a handout that gave graduate admission statistics for the last two years. Admissions are up by 14.2%.

At the request of President McPhee, the College of Graduate Studies is conducting a capacity study of graduate programs.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—March 30, 2012

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March 30, 2012. The motion to accept the minutes was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review Dr. Greg Schmidt, Chair

- The proposal to establish an Ed.D. in Assessment, Learning, and School Improvement was submitted. The date of implementation is Summer 2013. *A motion was made to accept the proposal to establish the Ed.D. in Assessment, Learning, and School Improvement. The motion was seconded and passed.*
- The 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. Jason Reineke, Chair

- Dr. Reineke presented a Proposal for Graduate Studies Awards. This subcommittee recommended the creation of two potential graduate student awards: 1) project/thesis and 2) dissertation. The awards would cover three areas: 1) arts and humanities, 2) education and social sciences, and 3) math, science, engineering, and technology for a total of six graduate student awards. The subcommittee also recommends having an outstanding graduate faculty mentor award. Dr. Cunningham pointed out that Dean Allen suggested starting with one dissertation award and two thesis awards. In order to help in making the decision, Dr. Cunningham will find out the number of theses we currently receive. After some discussion, it was determined that this item should be reviewed further and placed on the May meeting. *A motion was made to table this item for the May meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.*

C. Policies and Procedures Dr. Kathy Burriss, Chair

- Last month, this subcommittee was charged with reviewing the criteria for graduate faculty membership. Dr. Burriss distributed a handout with some of the guidelines that our peer institutions use in determining graduate faculty membership. Dr. Burriss and the subcommittee will continue to gather information and give a status update at the next meeting.

D. Graduate Program Review
Dr. Larry Burriss, Chair

- Dr. Burriss reported the M.A. in Psychology review has now been completed. Overall, it was an excellent review. A couple of the serious issues that were mentioned included the lack of secretarial support and the lack of graduate student common space. The reviewer's report stated how this lack of space is an impediment to students feeling as though they belong to one, cohesive department.

V. Old Business

- Dr. Rice asked for one more volunteer for the May 22nd meeting of the Graduate Academic Suspension Appeals Committee. Dr. Amy Hennington volunteered.

VI. New Business

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Graduate Council – Consent Calendar

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Graduate Faculty Membership

Adjunct

Daniel F. Pigg / Educational Leadership
David Merritt / Biology
Rebecca C. McIntyre / History
Gwyneth A. Thayer / History

Associate

Rebecca S. Calahan / Mathematical Sciences
Tammy J. Melton / Chemistry
Belinda Traughber / Psychology

Full Initial

Jennifer E. Marchant / English

Full Reappointment

Marvin L. Peyton / Educational Leadership

Curriculum Changes

Education

Establish an Ed.D. in Assessment, Learning, and School Improvement (ALSI)
implementation date Summer 2013

Elementary and Special Education

Inactivate

ELED 6250 Technological Tools for Thinking and Learning, effective Fall 2012

ELED 6400 Teaching the Special Needs Child in the Heterogeneous Classroom,
effective Fall 2012

Other

Inactivate the Vision Disabilities Concentration within the M.Ed. in Special Education
to be implemented Summer 2012 with phase-out period to end in Summer 2013

Health and Human Performance

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

Change to the core requirements for the Sport Industry and Recreation & Leisure Concentrations in the Leisure and Sport Management Master's degree. Change from two separate core requirements to a unified core for both concentrations. The unified core will now consist of the same common core course and one course from each concentration: LSM 6050 (Design and Management of Leisure and Sport Facilities) and LSM 6530 (History and Philosophy of Leisure and Sport. Additionally, the unified core moves from being a seven-core course requirement to a six-core course requirement. So, only one degree plan will be needed for the LSM master's degree. Changes to be effective Fall 2012

Add PHED 6880 (Internship and Special Projects) to the list of acceptable guided electives in the M.S. in Health and Human Performance Kinesiology option, effective Fall 2012

Human Sciences

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Proposed New Course

NFS 5100 Food Service Management for Culinary Arts, 3 credit hours, effective Summer 2012

Biology

Proposed New Course

BIOL 6850/7850 Intermediate Life Science, 3 credit hours, effective Summer 2012

Computational Science

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Proposed New Course

COMS 7840 Selected Topics, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2012

COMS 7500 Directed Research in Computational Science, 1-6 credit hours, effective Fall 2012

COMS 7640 Dissertation Research, 1-6 credit hours, effective Fall 2012

COMS 7800 Teaching Internship, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2012

Political Science

Proposed New Course

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PS 6210 Global Political Economy and Globalization, 3 credit hours, effective
Spring 2013

PS 6400 Global Governance, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2013

Economics

Course Number and Title Change

Change ECON 6440 Special Topics in Economics to
ECON 6990 Independent Study in Economics, 1-3 credit hours, effective Fall 2012

Change FIN 6440 Readings in Finance to
FIN 6990 Independent Study in Finance, 1-3 credit hours, effective Fall 2012

Mathematical Sciences

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Proposed New Course

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MATH 7320 Mathematical Problem Solving, 3 credit hours, effective Summer 2012

Math and Science Education

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

Replace MATH 6320 (Mathematical Problem Solving) with MATH 7320, Mathematical Problem Solving in the Mathematics Education Concentration Core, effective Summer 2012