

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 25, 2013

The Graduate Council met at 2:00 p.m. in the MT Center. Chair Amy Harris presided.

I. Call to Order

Members present:

Joseph Akins, Vaughn Barry, Carol Boraiko, Larry Burriss, Vince Cobb, Alex Collins, Kathleen Darby, Bichaka Fayissa, Scott Handy, Robin Lee, David O'Brien, Jay Sanders, Jennifer Vannatta-Hall, Jim Williams, and Jeremy Winters

Ex-Officio/Guests present:

Michael Allen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Amy Sayward, Faculty Assistant to the Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Melinda Korzaan as department representative in Nita Brooks' absence

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Amy Harris, Chair

Dr. Harris opened the meeting.

B. Dr. Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Cunningham informed the group that he and Dr. Allen attended the Tennessee Conference of Graduate Schools on this past Sunday and Monday in Knoxville, Tennessee. The majority of graduate schools are either flat or down in student enrollment numbers this fall. Dr. Cunningham assured the Council that Dr. Allen is working strategically with the College of Graduate Studies to come up with a plan to increase enrollment.

Dr. Cunningham will attend the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Conference on October 31st – November 4th. The SREB has a part in a doctoral scholars program that provides three years of funding for minority students.

Dr. Cunningham noted that our dissertation defense announcements have been creating great visibility for students.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—September 27, 2013

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2013. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review Dr. Theresa McBreen, Chair

- Consent Calendar attached
- *A motion was made to accept the consent calendar. The motion was seconded and passed.*

B. Student Affairs and Travel Dr. Robin Lee, Chair

- We continue to receive applications for student and faculty travel grants and have roughly \$6000 left in travel funds.

C. Policies and Procedures Dr. Jim Williams, Chair

- No report at this time.

D. Graduate Program Review Dr. Larry Burriss, Chair

- No report at this time.

V. Old Business

- There was no old business before the Council.

VI. New Business

- Revisions to the Graduate Faculty Membership Criteria

Some minor revisions were made to the criteria for clarification purposes.

For appointment to MTSU Graduate Faculty:

- The MTSU Academic Preparation Certification (APC) form must be **approved by Academic Affairs**.
- **All applications (initial and renewal)** must include a letter from the department chair (or Graduate Program Director if in interdisciplinary programs) describing graduate teaching expertise.
- In order to satisfy the research, creative, or scholarly activity portion of the application, **it is not sufficient to simply provide a listing of activities** as documentation. Examples of required documentation include first page of article, title page of book, printed program or review of performance, proceedings from meetings showing date and citation.

For Adjunct Membership:

- The MTSU Academic Preparation Certification (APC) form must be **approved by Academic Affairs**.
- If assigned to teach a graduate course the individual must hold the terminal degree in the teaching field. If the terminal degree is not a doctorate in the field, the application must include an MTSU Academic Preparation Certification (APC), **approved by Academic Affairs**, verifying that the applicant meets SACS criteria to teach at the graduate level.
- In order to show evidence of qualifications to execute assignments successfully, **attach current vita**.
- **For persons seeking adjunct graduate faculty membership for purposes other than instructing graduate courses, the department chair (or Graduate Program Director if in an interdisciplinary program) should provide a letter stating specific expertise / qualifications related to the specific graduate faculty duties to be assigned.**

For the Endorsement to Chair a Doctoral Dissertation:

- The applicant does not have to be recommended by the department chair. The applicant must be recommended by the graduate program director.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for November 22nd at 2:00 pm.

Graduate Council – Consent Calendar October 25, 2013

Graduate Faculty Membership

Ronald Aday / Sociology & Anthropology
Stephen Bartos / Educational Leadership
Vishwas Bedekar / Engineering Technology
Craig Cornish / Music
William Crabtree / Recording Industry
Gerardo Davila / Music
John Dougan / Recording Industry
Diane Edmondson / Management & Marketing
Virginia Hemby-Grubb / Business Comm & Entrepreneurship
William Leggett / Sociology & Anthropology
Deanna Little / Music
David Loucky / Music
Shelley Moore / Nursing
Daniel Morrell / Management & Marketing
Pamela Morris / University Studies
Michael Neth / English
Karen Petersen / Political Science
Daniel Pfeifer / Recording Industry
Philip Phillips / English
Jan Quarles / Electronic Media Communication
Terri Tharp / Elementary & Special Education
Gregory Sedrick / Engineering Technology
Suk Seo / Computer Science
Ashley Sousa / History
Sandra Stevens / Health & Human Performance
Zhen Wang / Political Science

Adjunct

Paul Abrams / Music
Catherine Bass / Health and Human Performance
John Black / Aerospace
James Ferguson / Music
Ashley Kimbrough / Music
Laura Ross / Music
Timothy Sparkman / Concrete Industry Management

Curriculum Changes

Accounting

Non-Substantive Revisions in Curriculum

BLAW 6500 Legal Aspects of Healthcare – remove prerequisite language “BLAW 3400 or ACTG 6100 or approval of department chair”, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2014

English

Proposed New Course

ENGL 7999 Preliminary Examination and Preparation, 1 credit hour, effective Spring 2014

Health and Human Performance

Proposed New Course

EXSC 6870 Cardiovascular Assessment and Rehabilitation, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2014

Non-Substantive Revisions in Curriculum

Remove EXSC 6890 - Seminar in Exercise Science as a required course in the non-thesis degree and replace it with EXSC 6870 – Cardiovascular Assessment and Rehabilitation (new course), effective Spring 2014

Educational Leadership

Change in Credit Hours

SPSE 6550 Supervised Field Experience, change from 3 credit hours to 3 - 6 credit hours (as it will be repeatable up to 6 hours), effective Spring 2014

Economics and Finance

Changes to be effective Spring 2014

Non-Substantive Revisions in Curriculum

- ❖ Add ECON 6070 to the list of required courses in the M.A. in Economics. Reduce elective to 18-21 hours.
- ❖ Remove Monetary Economics as a field of study in the Ph.D. program. Rename Labor Economics and Employment Relations to **Labor Economics**.
- ❖ Terminate the Industrial Relations Concentration of the M.A. in Economics.

Course Number Change

- ❖ Change course number of ECON 6105 (Advanced Mathematical Methods for Economists) to ECON 7105

Course Title Changes

ECON 6400 –from Economics of Health Care to **Health Economics**

ECON 6430/FIN 6430 –from Seminar on Public Finance to **Public Finance**

ECON 6450/FIN 6450 –from Seminar on Monetary Policy to **Monetary Policy**

ECON 6460/7460 and FIN 6460/7460 –from Seminar Financial Markets to **Financial Markets**

ECON 6470/7470 –from Seminar in Economic Growth and Development to **Economic Growth and**

Development

ECON 6530/7530 –from International Trade Theory and Policy to **International Economics I**

ECON 6560/FIN 6560 –from Mergers, Acquisitions, and Corporate Restructuring to **Mergers and**

Acquisitions

ECON 6730/FIN 6730 –from Seminar on Financial Institutions to **Financial Institutions**

ECON 7510 –from Advanced Labor Economics I to **Labor Economics I**

ECON 7520 –from Advanced Labor Economics II to **Labor Economics II**

ECON 7550 –from Quantitative Policy Analysis in International Economics to **International Economics II**

ECON 7710 –from Advanced Monetary Economics I to **Monetary Economics I**

ECON 7720 –from Advanced Monetary Economics II to **Monetary Economics II**