

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 27, 2015

The Graduate Council met at 2:00 p.m. in Ingram 101. Chair Nita Brooks presided.

I. Call to Order

Members present:

Joseph Akins, Vaughn Barry, Carol Boraiko, Nita Brooks, Ellen Slicker (for Ginny Dansby), Kathleen Darby, Josh Howard, Robert Kalwinsky, Pamela Morris, Dwight Patterson, Lencie Plancher, Brian Robertson, Jennifer Vannatta-Hall, Cliff Welborn, and Jeremy Winters

Ex-Officio/ Guests present:

Scott Handy, Interim Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

II. Announcements

a. Dr. Nita Brooks, Chair

Dr. Brooks opened the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting – February 27th, 2015

The minutes were distributed to the Graduate Council for review. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February 27th, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review

Dr. Vaughn Barry, Chair

- The March Consent Calendar is attached.
- The Consent Calendar comes in the form of a motion. It was seconded and passed.

b. Student Affairs and Travel

Dr. Kathleen Darby, Chair

- No report at this time.

c. Policies and Procedures

Dr. Bichaka Fayissa, Chair

- No report at this time.

d. Graduate Program Review

Dr. Ginny Dansby, Chair

- No report at this time.

V. Old Business

- #### **a. Program Reviews.**
- The Graduate Program Review Sub-committee should be getting at least two of the program reviews (MSE and MOBI) and responses to those reviews for recommendation for the Graduate Council meeting in April.

- b. School of Nursing Application Deadlines. An informational item that the School of Nursing has decided to change their application deadlines for Fall semester applicants from one date – April 1st to two dates, one for students who have already graduated (which will remain April 1st) and another for spring nursing graduates applying for Fall admission of the same year (which will be July 10th) to avoid problems with students trying to admit prior to receiving their undergraduate degree.
- c. Graduate Assistantship Applications. As part of the on-going process to clarify admissions issues, Graduate Studies is considering moving the Graduate Assistantship applications to be housed on the program web pages with applications that can be customized for each program. Instructions will be included that direct the completed forms to go to the Program instead of Graduate Studies. The final proposal will be submitted to Policies and Procedures subcommittee prior to the next Graduate Council meeting. General impressions were positive. One question that was raised was if GTA positions could be converted to GRA or GAA positions. The issue will be explored by Graduate Studies and the Graduate Council updated.
- d. Graduate Forms Approval. This item from Policies and Procedures was tabled last month pending review of additional questions. An alternative, less-formal option was presented by the Interim Associate Dean, but the general feeling supported the signature option (option #4 from February). A request was made to clarify wording with respect to the following: 1. this would only impact items going to Faculty and Curriculum subcommittee; 2. the home department of the faculty would have to be clarified (the one in which they have been hired, tenured, and/or promoted for faculty who do teaching across disciplines and programs such as those in the MBA, MSE, MOBI, COMS, etc.); and 3. the term graduate program coordinator/director should likely be used as the two terms seem to be used fairly synonymously for the same type of position (head of a graduate program). This item will be returned to Policies and Procedures for rewording for the next meeting.
- e. Summer Council. In the Fall, mention was made of having a small sub-set of Graduate Council members present during summer for handling any critical business that might arise. The precise make-up of this Summer Council has not yet been determined, but Graduate Council members are encouraged to consider whether they would be available for such efforts as needed. This will be clarified at the next Graduate Council meeting.

VI. **New Business**

None at this time

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m. The next Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for April 24th at 2:00 p.m.

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Graduate Council – Consent Calendar March 27, 2015

Graduate Faculty Membership

Full

Greg Nagel / Economics and Finance / PhD / M01168198
Sean Salter / Economics and Finance / PhD / M01054834

Adjunct

Ossama Bahloul / Education - ASLI / PhD
Ash Bullard / Biology / PhD
Robert Graeff / Education – ASLI / PhD
Sean Impeartrice / Education – ASLI / EdD
Beth Quick / Education – ASLI / EdD
Eric Lifsey/ Education – ASLI / EdD
Matthew Lund / Music / MA / M00439427
Heather Rhodes/ Economics and Finance / PhD
David Stewart / Biology / PhD

Graduate Curriculum Changes

Engineering Technology

Proposed New Courses

ET 6870 Engineering Management Systems, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2015
ET 6810 Engineering Management Theory and Application, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2015

Other

Change of MSPS Engineering Management emphasis requirements to replace ET 6510 (Advanced Topics in Technology) and ET 6710 (Current and Future Trends in Engineering and Technology) with ET 6810 and ET 6870 respectively, effective Fall 2015

Economics and Finance

Inactivations

Changes to be effective Fall 2015

FIN 5390 Employee Benefits
ECON 6030 Survey of Economic Theory
ECON 6390 Social Insurance and Pensions

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Educational Leadership

Other

- 1.) Create a New Concentration –
Agricultural Education Leadership within existing MED in Administration and Supervision, effective Fall 2015
- 2.) Policy Revision: Changes to admission, application, and program requirements of the MED in Curriculum and Instruction, Secondary Education Licensure Path Specialization, effective Fall 2015

Elementary and Special Education

Other

Inactivate the Elementary Concentration of the Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction, effective Fall 2015

Business Administration

Other

Create a New Concentration –
Music Business within the existing Master's of Business Administration, effective Fall 2015

Agribusiness and Agriscience

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

Core course requirement change for all MS in Horse Science students --- replace requirement for STAT 5140, Probabilistic and Statistical Reasoning with STAT 6020, Introduction to Biostatistics

Concentration requirement change for Equine Physiology students --- replace requirement for STAT 5140 and STAT 6020 with: STAT 6020 Introduction to Biostatistics AND

Choose one of the following:

- STAT 6602 Problems in Statistics – Regression Analysis
- STAT 6603 Problems in Statistics – Nonparametric Statistics
- STAT 6604 Problems in Statistics – Experimental Design
- STAT 6605 Problems in Statistics – SAS Programming

For the MS in Horse Science Industry Concentration, expand the class offerings from which to choose.

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