

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

December 11, 2015

The Graduate Council met at 2:00 p.m. in Ingram 101. Chair Jennifer Vannatta-Hall presided.

I. Call to Order

Members present:

Jennifer Vannatta-Hall, Vishwas Bedekar, William Crabtree, Virginia Dansby, Kathleen Darby, Bichaka Fayissa, Amy Harris, Robert Kalwinsky, Steve Livingston, Richard Meeks, Pamela Morris, Lynn Nelson, Brian Robertson, Donald Snead, Monica Wallace, Jeremy Winters, Michelle Fields, and Kolby McGee Wright.

Ex-Officio/ Guests present:

Scott Handy, Interim Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Jackie Eller, Interim Dean, College of Graduate Studies and Vice Provost for Research

II. Announcements

a. Dr. Jennifer Vannatta-Hall, Chair

Dr. Vannatta-Hall opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting – November 20, 2015

The minutes were distributed to the Graduate Council for review. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November 20th, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review

Dr. Cliff Welborn, Chair

- The December 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

Kolby McGree Wright

- Ms. Wright discussed a follow up to the results of the GSA Student Survey. She stated that the GSA's main concern following the survey is the lack of competitiveness of MTSU's graduate assistantships. Additionally, the GSA is concerned with the gap between science and general assistantships within the university. This gap ranges from \$400 to \$4000 depending on the type and level of the assistantship.
- Dr. Eller agreed that the scholarships lack in competitiveness and states that the issue lies with lack of funding and lack of priority with those higher up in

administration. She agreed that the gap between science and general assistantships should be addressed and tasked the council with developing strategies to resolve these issues.

- Dr. Handy formally assigned the task of data gathering and comparison of assistantships to other university to this sub-committee.

c. Policies and Procedures

Dr. Jeremy Winters, Chair

d. Graduate Program Review

Dr. Bichaka Fayissa, Chair

- The committee presented their recommendations for program reviewers. They recommend that Professor Talmage J Reid of the University of Mississippi be invited to review the Mathematics Graduate Program. They also recommend that Professor David Chapman of the University of Utah be invited to review the MSPS Graduate Program. Additionally, the committee stated that the selection of a program reviewer for Health and Human Performance was delayed due to lack of a timely receipt of materials to review. This will be addressed at next month's meeting.
- These recommendations come in the form of a motion. It was seconded and passed.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

a. Dr. Scott Handy, Interim Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

- Dr. Handy brought to the council's attention the amount of difficulty that the Faculty and Curriculum Sub-Committee is having with some departments in judging equivalency and what counts as scholarly activity in their field. He suggested that departments be contacted for a formal list and explanation of the qualifications and requirements in their field that they believe constitute a graduate faculty member. A template will be developed in order to help facilitate this process.

b. Dr. Jackie Eller, Interim Dean, College of Graduate Studies

- Dr. Eller brought another issue of the Faculty and Curriculum Sub-Committee to the council, this one in regard to faculty who have served for a long time as graduate faculty or perhaps administration but who have not kept up currency in their field via publication and presentation. She suggested that the idea of a temporary or provisional status graduate faculty appointment be considered as an alternative to having faculty teaching without any updated status or maybe perhaps giving faculty a grace period to get their research together.
- Dr. Handy tasked the Policies and Procedures Sub-Committee with addressing this issue and presenting possible solutions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

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Graduate Council – Consent Calendar December 11, 2015

Graduate Faculty Membership

Full

Troy Festervand / Marketing / PhD
Mark Frame / Psychology / PhD
Janet McCormick / Communication Studies / PhD
Andrew Owusu / Health and Human Performance / PhD
Xiaoya Zha / Mathematical Sciences / PhD

Adjunct

Renee Schwartz / Mathematics and Science Education / PhD

Graduate Curriculum Changes

Computer Information Systems

Other

Changes to be effective Summer 2016

INFS 6301 – Add INFS 6300 as a prerequisite

INFS 6302 – Add INFS 6300 as a prerequisite

Criminal Justice

Reactivation of Course

Changes to be effective Fall 2016

CJA 6830 Violence and Victimology

Literacy Studies

Inactivations

Changes to be effective Summer 2016

LITS 6011 Neurobiology of Language and Literacy

Elementary and Special Education

Inactivations/Terminations

Terminate the Curriculum and Instruction M.Ed., 4-8 Initial Licensure Specialization since the state no longer offers this license. All courses associated with this specialization will continue to be offered in active degree programs.
Effective Spring 2016

Inactivate the Special Education M.Ed., Preschool Disabled Students Concentration for a period of 3 years.
Effective Spring 2016

Inactivate the Curriculum and Instruction, Elementary School Education M.Ed., Inclusion Education Specialization. All courses associated with this specialization will continue to be offered in active programs.
Effective Fall 2016

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Educational Leadership

Proposed New Courses

Changes to be effective Fall 2016

LIBS 6550	Supervised Field Experience in Library Science
LIBS 6330	Digital Library Collections
LIBS 6060	Understanding Research for Evaluation in Libraries
LIBS 6100	Management of Libraries

Music

Proposed New Course

Changes to be effective Fall 2016

MUEN 5360	Concert Orchestra (Dual-listed with MUEN 3360)
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