

Graduate Council Minutes

April 15, 2005

The Graduate Council met at 2:00 p.m. in the President's Conference Room. Chair Thomas Berg presided.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Bichaka Fayissa, Dr. Jong-Sung Lee, Dr. Ken Blake, Dr. Philip Phillips, Dr. Michael Hein, Dr. Frank Bailey, Dr. Jackie Eller, Dr. William Ilsley

Ex-officio members present: Abdul S. Rao, Vice Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies; Peter H. Cunningham, Interim Associate Dean College of Graduate Studies

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Michael Hein, Chair

- Dr. Hein reported that a pool of seven candidates has been approved for the Associate Dean search. The pool has been approved on campus and is being sent to Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) for approval.

B. Dr. Abdul Rao

- Dean Rao reported that the Letter of Intent for the MSW program was approved. Meetings with representatives of all participating institutions have already occurred and Dr. Cunningham is working with them to develop the full proposal. We have a target date of May 20, 2005 for submission to TBR.
- The Ph.D. in I-Sciences is moving forward and the Letter of Intent has been approved by TBR and THEC. The target date for submission of the full proposal is May 20, 2005.
- Dean Rao will discuss Graduate Education in Tennessee to the Tennessee College of Graduate Studies on April 18, 2005. This presentation will discuss Graduate Education not only at MTSU, but other universities statewide as well.

C. Dr. Peter Cunningham

- Dr. Cunningham reported that a GRE Test Prep Workshop was conducted for those students at MTSU interested in Graduate School. Plans are to conduct a workshop of this nature every semester. The next one will be scheduled for early in the fall 2005 semester.

III. Approval of Minutes – March 18, 2005

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March 18, 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty and Program Review

Dr. Frank Bailey

- Consent calendar attached – all items have been recommended for approval. A motion was made to adopt the attached calendar. The motion was seconded and carried.
- Request to revise admission requirements for Masters in Chemistry – Proposal was considered to change admission criteria for MTSU B.S. Chemistry majors. Following discussion a motion to amend the proposed changes as discussed, the motion was seconded and carried. Revised language is: *Any MTSU student majoring in any B.S. chemistry degree program with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the major (2.8 for ACS majors) and applying for admission into the M.S. program in Chemistry before April 15th will: 1) be guaranteed admission into the M.S. program in chemistry; 2) have the GRE examination requirement waived; 3) be given preference in consideration for available Graduate Assistantships (GPA > 3.0).*

B. Student Affairs and Travel

Dr. Jeffrey Walck, Chair

- No report

C. Policies and Procedures

Dr. Ken Blake, Chair

- Dr. Blake reported that the committee has completed an initial draft of a revised reference form. Based upon discussions with the Interim Associate Dean of the College of Graduate Studies there may need to be several additional revisions before it is ready for approval. A revised draft will be brought to the next council meeting.

V. Old Business

- No report

VI. New Business – May Meeting

- There is need to have an additional meeting in May in order to consider the proposals for the MSW and Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Sciences. In order to give as much time as possible for the preparation of these proposals, it was agreed that the May meeting will be held on May 18, 2005 (deadline for submission of materials is May 11, 2005). The Graduate Office will announce time and location at a later date.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Kim Collins
Recording Secretary

**Graduate Council – Consent Calendar
April 15, 2005**

Graduate Faculty Membership

Associate Membership –Initial Appointment—Level I

Cosette Collier/Recording Industry
Michael Fleming/Recording Industry
Christian Haseleu/Recording Industry
Daniel Pfeifer/Recording Industry

Associate Membership —Level II

Justyna Kostkowska/English
Judith Rusciollelli/Foreign Languages
Richard D. Barnet/Recording Industry
Bob Wood/Recording Industry
James Piekarski/Recording Industry
Katherine E. Royal/Psychology
Steven D. Jones/Psychology

Full Membership – Initial Appointment

Lisa Bloomer Green/Mathematical Science
Peter M. McCluskey/English
Trixie G. Smith/English
Janice Demerest Cole/BMOM

Full Membership – Re-Appointment

Dennis P. Walsh/Mathematical Sciences
Kenneth R. Tillery/Management and Marketing
John V. Bodle/School of Journalism
Diane J. Sawyer/Elementary and Special Education
Mary Ellen Fromuth/Psychology
Nancy E. Rupprecht/History
Charles K. Wolfe/English
Paula B. Thomas/Accounting
Mary Barone Martin/Mathematical Sciences
Judith Iriarte-Gross/Chemistry
Matthew Klukowski/Biology
Kiyoshi Kawahito/Economics and Finance
Jeannie Johnson Harrington/Accounting
Ghassem A. Homaifar/Economics and Finance
Paul A. Craig/Aerospace
Richard S. Farley/HPERS
Dr. Linda A. Wilson/Chemistry
Lynn A. Nelson/History

Shelley Thomas/Foreign Languages
Preston J. MacDougall/Chemistry

Doctoral Membership – Initial Appointment

Ngee-Sing Chong/Chemistry
Duane B. Graddy/Economics and Finance
Andrienne C. Friedli/Chemistry
Lisa J. Pruitt/History
Kristine M. McCusker/History
Louis Haas/History
Dr. William Levine/English
Aleka A. Blackwell/English
Elvira Casal/English
Patricia L. Bradley/English
Jeff LeBlond/Biology

Doctoral Membership –Re-Appointment

Linda C. Badley/English
Brenden Martin/History
Bichaka Fayissa/Economics and Finance
Theodore James Sherman / English

Curriculum Changes

HPERS

New Course

PHED 6680/7680 Current Issues in Physical Education Pedagogy; 3 credit hours; effective Fall 2005

HLTH 6320 Global Health; 3 credit hours; effective Summer 2005

Psychology

New Course

PSY 6105 Psychoeducational Assessment of PreSchool Children; 3 credit hours; effective Summer 2005