

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

February 25, 2009

The Graduate Council met at 2:30 p.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room of the Sam Ingram Building. Chair Jackie Eller presided.

I. Call to order

Members present:

Kevin James, Jane Marcellus, Ronald Ferrara, Kenny Jih, Gore Ervin, Teri Davis, Clare Bratten, Dorothy Craig, Vince Smith, and Medha Sarkar

Ex-Officio members present:

Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Philip Phillips, Associate Professor, English

II. Announcements

A. **Dr. Jackie Eller, Chair**

Dr. Eller called the meeting to order.

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

Dr. Cunningham noted that the College of Graduate Studies has been very busy in the area of international student recruitment. During the past five weeks, Graduate Director, Rick Henegar has traveled to China, India, and Florida. Dr. Cunningham has recently traveled to Cincinnati, Washington, D.C., and Atlanta. The College of Graduate Studies is receiving a large number of applications from Saudi Arabia. Dr. Cunningham reminded the Council that there are less than 300 international students currently enrolled, and it will take a concerted effort campus-wide to increase that number.

Dr. Cunningham reported that the 3 new Ph.D. degrees (Ph.D. in Molecular Biosciences, Ph.D. in Computational Science, and Ph.D. in Mathematics and Science Education) and the 2 new M.S. degrees (M.S. in Information Systems and M.S. in Horse Science) are awaiting approval by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—January 28, 2009

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January 28, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. **Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review**

Dr. Kevin James, Chair

- Consent calendar attached --- The proposed new course, PSY 7120 Introduction to Program Evaluation in Schools and Communities, was removed from the consent calendar for discussion by the Council. After some discussion about the possible course overlap with SOC 6660, Program Evaluation, a motion was made to remove the proposed new course in PSY 7120 from the consent calendar and table it. The motion was seconded and passed.

- A motion was made to accept the consent calendar. The motion was seconded and passed.

B. Student Affairs and Travel
Dr. Bren Martin, Chair

- Dr. Eller reported the Graduate Program Enhancement Travel Budget has an available balance (with encumbrances) of \$4,284.62.
- A motion was made to accept the Travel Budget report. The motion was seconded and passed.

C. Policies and Procedures
Dr. Teri Davis, Chair

- Dr. Davis reported that the subcommittee is still exploring options for the Thesis and Dissertation Compensation Plan.

D. Graduate Program Review
Dr. Jane Marcellus, Chair

- No report

E. Catalog Committee
Ad Hoc Only

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- Dr. Cunningham reminded the Council that the College of Graduate Studies is very dependent upon faculty for student recruitment. Everyone needs to periodically review their department webpage and printed materials to keep them relevant and current.
- Dr. Eller suggested convening an ad hoc catalog committee to review wording of student recruitment information in the Graduate Catalog. Drs. Clare Bratten, Kenny Jih, and Jackie Eller volunteered to serve.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Hawkins, Recording Secretary

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Graduate Faculty Membership

Adjunct

Rosemarie Mincey / Educational Leadership
Daniel Pigg / Educational Leadership
Caresa Young / Dyslexic Studies
Yan Zhao / Criminal Justice Administration

Associate

Laura B. Clark / Educational Leadership
Tricia M. Farwell / Journalism
Judith Hankins / Computer Science
Michelle D. McCormack / History
Sheron Salyer / Nursing
Roland H. Untch / Computer Science

Full – Initial Appointment

Carol Boraiko / Engineering Technology
Terry Goodin / Educational Leadership
Jeffrey Hamm / Accounting
Roger Heinrich / Electronic Media Communication

Full – Reappointment

Jimmie E. Cain / English
William C. Carter / Sociology and Anthropology
James B. Hart / Mathematical Sciences
Christine Isley-Farmer / Music
Vicky M. MacLean / Sociology and Anthropology
Yuri A. Melnikov / Mathematical Sciences.
Ellen K. Slicker / Psychology
Kevin E. Smith / Sociology and Anthropology
James D. Timmons / Economics and Finance
John M. Zamora / Biology

Doctoral – Initial

A. Bruce Cahoon / Biology
Victoria D. Shelar / Health and Human Performance

Doctoral – Reappointment

Mamit Deme / Economics and Finance
William Levine / English
Joachim Zietz / Economics and Finance

Curriculum Changes

Educational Leadership

Other

Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction --- Specialization: Technology and Curriculum Design
Program revisions based upon approved new courses, effective Summer 2009

Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction --- Specialization: English as a Second Language
Program revisions based upon approved new courses, effective Fall 2009

Literacy Studies

Other

Change the residency requirement for the Ph.D. in Literacy Studies from two consecutive semesters to two summers, effective Summer 2009

Business Communication and Entrepreneurship

CourseNumber/Title Change

BCEN 5640 Change title from Problems in Office Management to Issues and Trends in Office Management, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2009