

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

January 25, 2010

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

I. Call to Order

Members present:

Clare Bratten, Cosette Collier, Gore Ervin, Kevin James, Minsoo Kang, Donald Lester, Vicky MacLean, Medha Sarkar, Greg Schmidt, and Steven Giles

Ex-Officio members present:

Michael Allen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Vince Smith, Chair

Dr. Smith called the meeting to order.

B. Dr. Michael Allen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies

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

Dr. Cunningham reported that Rick Henegar had a productive recruiting trip in China during the month of December. There have been several applicants to the Molecular Biosciences program since Rick's trip.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—December 8, 2009

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the December 8, 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
- *A motion was made to accept the consent calendar. The motion was seconded and carried.*

B. Student Affairs and Travel
Dr. Clare Bratten, Chair

- No report

C. Policies and Procedures
Dr. Bren Martin, Chair

- No report

D. Graduate Program Review
Dr. Dorothy Craig, Chair

- The committee has recommended Dr. S. Manian Ramkumar from the Rochester Institute of Technology for the M.S in Engineering Technology graduate program review.
- *A motion was made to accept the selected external reviewer. The motion was seconded and passed.*

E. Catalog Committee
Dr. Gore Ervin, Chair

- No report

V. Old Business

- Dr. Cunningham met with Don Craig, Dean of the Library, to discuss space options for a graduate student area. Although Dean Craig is receptive to the idea, he expressed that he is limited in library space. As it is, Dean Craig has already been instructed by the President to make more collaborative learning spaces in the library to better serve all students. Dean Craig will spend some time going over the proposed idea of having a graduate student area.

VI. New Business

- Dr. Cunningham is working with Dr. Tom Strawman, English Chair, to possibly offer a couple of courses for international students to make the transition smoother for them in regards to reading and writing English.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Hawkins, Recording Secretary

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**Graduate Council – Consent Calendar
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Graduate Faculty Membership

Adjunct

Thomas J. Nolan / Geosciences
Antoinette Van Zelm / History

Full – Initial

John P. Hill / Recording Industry
Robin W. Lee / Psychology
Sharon W. Shaw-McEwen / Social Work

Curriculum Changes

Music

Other

For the M.A. Program: Effective Spring 2010

- 1) Deactivate two specializations – Collaborative Piano with an Instrumental Emphasis and Collaborative Piano with a Vocal Emphasis
- 2) Approve attached specialization which combines the previous two specializations

Mass Communication

Other

For the M.S. Program---Thesis and Project Track:

- 1) Require one less media management course and add to the list of course options, MC 6260 Health Care Communication
- 2) Require two electives rather than one and add to the list of elective options, MC 6430 Special Topics

Recording Industry

Change in admission to Program (Major)

Effective Fall 2010, change GRE Scores requirement to read: *Typically, a successful student will have scores of 400 quantitative and 400 verbal, or better.*

Proposed New Course(s)

MRAT 6125 Remote Production, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2010

Economics and Finance

Inactivation of Course

ECON 5650 Comparative Economic Systems, effective Fall 2010

Proposed New Course(s)

FIN 5900 TVA Investment Challenge, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2010

Educational Leadership

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

Change to the M.Ed. Administration and Supervision, Library Science concentration: Students may elect to take either LIBS 6130, Principles of Librarianship or LIBS 6970, Web Based Tools and the curriculum.

Health and Human Performance

Changes in Credit Hours

LSM 6880 Internship/Special Projects, **3 to 6 credit hours**, effective Spring 2010