

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

May 18, 2012

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

I. Call to Order

Members present:

Helen Binkley, Kathy Burriss, Michael Chappell, Vince Cobb, Jamie Fuston, Kristen Deathridge, John DiVincenzo, Kevin Donovan, Amy Hennington, Robin Lee, and Jason Reineke

Ex-Officio members present:

Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Craig Rice, Chair

Dr. Rice opened the meeting. The Council thanked the members who are rotating off the committee for their service.

B. Dr. Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean

Dr. Cunningham reported that there are 20 PhD graduates this year.

Dr. Cunningham distributed a handout showing the total number of theses and dissertations in each program from the summer of 2003 through spring 2012.

Dr. Cunningham announced that THEC, TBR, and two reviewers visited campus this week regarding the new EdD in Assessment, Learning, and School Improvement. The reviewers were impressed with MTSU and the curriculum.

At the request of President McPhee, the College of Graduate Studies conducted a capacity study of graduate programs. The capacity study has been completed and submitted to Provost Bartel and President McPhee. In order to increase graduate student enrollment, Graduate Studies has suggested shifting resources from undergraduate classrooms to graduate classrooms and opening new programs in areas of high demand.

Dr. Cunningham announced that the College of Graduate Studies has received approval to hire an Enrollment Management Specialist.

Dr. Cunningham noted that the Thesis/Dissertation Compensation letters were mailed out this week for faculty mentors to receive course release time.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—April 27, 2012

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 27, 2012. The motion to accept the minutes was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review

Dr. Greg Schmidt, Chair

- The Consent Calendar is attached. *A motion was made to accept the consent calendar. The motion was seconded and passed.*

B. Student Affairs and Travel

Dr. Jason Reineke, Chair

- Dr. Reineke presented a revised Proposal for Graduate Studies Awards. *A motion was made to accept this Proposal for Graduate Studies Awards. The motion was seconded and passed.*
- In the proposal, the subcommittee recommends the creation of three awards: Outstanding project/thesis award in: 1) arts, education, humanities and social sciences; 2) math, science, engineering, and technology; 3) an outstanding dissertation award. The subcommittee also recommends creating an outstanding graduate faculty mentor award to recognize excellence in faculty supervision of graduate studies. Total budget/funding estimates for all awards range from \$1,800 to \$4,400 depending on the availability of funds and willingness/ability to compete with or exceed the standards of peer institutions in the areas of these awards. *A motion was made to accept this recommendation. The motion was seconded and passed.*

C. Policies and Procedures

Dr. Kathy Burriss, Chair

- This subcommittee was charged with reviewing the criteria for graduate faculty membership. At the April meeting, Dr. Burriss distributed a handout with some of the guidelines that our peer institutions use in determining graduate faculty membership. More information will need to be gathered. *A motion was made to table this item for Old Business at the next meeting in the fall of 2012. The motion was seconded and carried.*

**D. Graduate Program Review
Dr. Larry Burriss, Chair**

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Graduate Faculty Membership

Adjunct

Timothy J. Baroni / Biological Sciences

Associate

Michelle C. Stevens / Educational Leadership

Full Initial

Brian P. Hinote / Sociology & Anthropology

Full Reappointment

Matthew Elrod-Erickson / Biology

Doctoral Reappointment

Norman L. Weatherby / Health and Human Performance

Curriculum Changes

Agribusiness and Agriscience

Proposed New Course(s)

ABAS 6540 Equine Experiential Learning, 1-6 variable credit hours, effective Summer 2012

ABAS 6640 Thesis Research, 1-6 variable credit hours, effective Summer 2012

Literacy Studies

Changes in Credit Hours

LITS 7330 Special Topics in Literacy

Currently six (6) multiple credit hours can be taken without calculating as a repeated course. Change from six to twelve (12) multiple credit hours that can be taken without calculating as a repeated course, effective Fall 2012

Business Communication and Entrepreneurship

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Proposed New Course

BCEN 6680 Women and Minorities in Business, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2013

Economics

All changes to be effective Fall 2012

Proposed New Course(s)

ECON 7010 Macroeconomics I
ECON 7020 Microeconomics I
ECON 7060 Econometrics I
ECON 7070 Econometrics II

Course Number Change

Renumber ECON 6110 Macroeconomics I to ECON 6010 Macroeconomics I
Renumber ECON 6120 Microeconomics I to ECON 6020 Microeconomics I
Renumber ECON/FIN 6620 Econometrics I to ECON/FIN 6060 Econometrics I
Renumber ECON 6630 Econometrics II to ECON 6070 Econometrics II
Renumber ECON 7110 Macroeconomics II to ECON 7030 Macroeconomics II
Renumber ECON 7120 Microeconomics II to ECON 7040 Microeconomics II
Renumber ECON 7630 Econometrics III to ECON 7080 Econometrics III

Health and Human Performance

Proposed New Course

LSM 6740/7740 Sport in Film and Fiction, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2012