

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 22, 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, Mary Lou Veal, Kenny Jih, Robert Kalwinsky, Gore Ervin, Teri Davis, Clare Bratten, Medha Sarkar and Jane Marcellus

Ex-Officio members present:

Michael Allen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies
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.

Dr. Eller requested three volunteers for the next Graduate Council Academic Appeals Committee. Drs. Teri Davis, Clare Bratten and Jackie Eller volunteered. The Committee will meet at 9:00 am on May 26th in Ingram G012.

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

Dr. Allen 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.

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

Dr. Cunningham reported that the College of Graduate Studies has received 197 applications from international students.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—March 25, 2009

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March 25, 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 passed.

B. Dr. Eller requested that the Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review Committee meeting dates be posted on the Graduate Studies webpage.

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

- Dr. Eller reported the Graduate Program Enhancement Travel Budget has an available balance (with encumbrances) of \$2,540.62.

D. Policies and Procedures
Dr. Teri Davis, Chair

- Dr. Davis distributed handouts detailing three options for thesis/dissertation compensation. The options were:
 - 1) Amend the summer guidelines to include thesis/dissertation supervision to the list of courses credited and paid to the faculty member at the rate of 0.1 credit of each SCH.
 - 2) Course reassignment upon completion of a certain number of theses and/or dissertations (i.e., supervision of 6 theses or 3 dissertations = 1 three credit course release)
 - 3) Combine the summer pay and banking proposals
- Dr. Davis noted that the Policies and Procedures Committee recommends option #3.
- After some discussion, the Council decided to make a motion to present option #3 as two proposals (summer pay and academic year banking) to the Provost. The motion was seconded and passed.

E. Graduate Program Review
Dr. Jane Marcellus, Chair

- Dr. Marcellus reported that the graduate program reviews for Aviation Administration, Computer Science, and Mathematics have been completed. Common themes from the reviews were concerns for lack of compensation for thesis work in the summer, graduate assistantship funding, and faculty workload.

F. Catalog Committee
Ad Hoc Only

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

Dr. Clare Bratten inquired as to whether there was any notation on the Graduate Studies webpage to inform students that the application deadline to a particular program may vary from the application deadline for the Graduate Studies office. Dr. Cunningham noted that the Graduate Studies webpage does include such notation.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Hawkins, Recording Secretary

Graduate Council – Consent Calendar April 22, 2009

Graduate Faculty Membership

Adjunct

Colette Taylor / Management and Marketing
Richard Tewksbury / Sociology and Anthropology

Associate

Kenneth R. Blake / Journalism
Virginia Donnell / Speech and Theatre
Leopoldo P. Erice / Music
Sean E. Foley / History
John C. Haffner / Agribusiness and Agriscience
Christopher R. Herlihy / Biology
J. Patrick Kayser / Agribusiness and Agriscience
Janet K. McCormick / Speech and Theatre
Deana M. Raffo / Speech and Theatre
Jeremy M. Rich / History

Full – Initial Appointment

Judith Rusciollelli / Foreign Languages and Literature

Full – Reappointment

Foster K. Amey / Sociology and Anthropology
William L. Canak / Sociology and Anthropology
William C. Compton / Psychology
Rebecca L. Seipelt / Biology
J. Brandon Wallace / Sociology and Anthropology
James H. Williams / History

Doctoral – Initial

H. Joey Gray / Health and Human Performance

Doctoral – Reappointment

Carl M. Ostrowski / English

Curriculum Changes

Business Communication and Entrepreneurship

Course Title Change

BCEN 5680 **Diversity in the Workplace**
Change title to **Issues and Trends in Workplace Diversity**, 3
credit hours, effective Spring 2010

Economics and Finance

Course Number/Title Change/Dual Listed Courses

ECON7710/FIN 7710 **Advanced Financial Economics I**
Change title to **ECON 7710 Advanced Monetary Economics I**, 3
credit hours, effective Fall 2009

Inactivation of Course

FIN 7710 **Advanced Financial Economics I**, effective Fall 2009

Course Number/Title Change/Dual Listed Courses

ECON7720/FIN 7720 **Advanced Financial Economics II**
Change title to **ECON 7720 Advanced Monetary Economics II**,
3 credit hours, effective Fall 2009

Inactivation of Course

FIN 7720 **Advanced Financial Economics II**, effective Fall 2009

Course Title Change

FIN 5590 **Problems in Real Estate**
Change title to **Independent Study in Real Estate**, 3 credit
hours, effective Fall 2009

FIN 5790 **Problems in Insurance**
Change title to **Independent Study in Insurance**, 3 credit hours,
effective Fall 2009

Other

On page 89 of the 2008-2010 Graduate Catalog, replace the field name 'Financial Economics' with 'Monetary Economics' under Fields of Study. Also, corresponding field courses (under Fields of Study) should have ECON not FIN prefixes.

Aerospace

Proposed New Course

AERO 6611 Aerospace Research, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2009

Educational Leadership

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

Program revisions to reflect new courses

Ed. S. in Curriculum and Instruction/Specialization in Technology and Design

Required Core Courses / 15 credit hours

SPSE 6140 Teacher Leadership for School Improvement

OR

FOED 6620 Action Research in Practitioner-Based Environments

Note: Students must take either SPSE 6140 or FOED 6620 as a prerequisite for SPSE 7010.

SPSE 7130 The Curriculum: Structures and Functions

SPSE 7170 Learning Theories and the Educational Process

SPSE 7010 Educational Research Methodology

FOED 7640 Thesis Research

Specialized Core Courses / 12 credit hours

SPSE 6900 Online Learning and Instructional Design

SPSE 6960 Integration of Learning Theory, Curriculum, and Technology

SPSE 7500 Studies in Education: Hypermedia and Multimedia

SPSE 7710 History and Social Contexts of Multicultural Education

Electives / 3 credit hours (select one from the following):

FOED 6620 Action Research in Practitioner-Based Environments

*May be taken as an elective if not completed to meet a prerequisite.

SPSE 7730 Human Diversity in a Variety of Learning Environments

SPSE 7720 Brain-Based Teaching and Learning in the Classroom

YOED 6680 Issues and Trends in Teaching and Learning

Proposed New Course(s)

FOED 6211 **Educational Psychology for Classroom Teachers**, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2009

SPSE 6712 **Fieldwork and Applied Research in ESL Learning Environments**, 3 credit hours, effective Summer 2009

Inactivation of Course(s)

SPSE 6700 **Practicum in ESL for Grades 9-12**, effective Summer 2009

SPSE 6710 **Practicum in ESL for PreK-3**, effective Summer 2009

SPSE 6720 **Practicum in ESL for Grades 4-8**, effective Summer 2009

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

Remove SPSE 6700, SPSE 6710, and SPSE 6720 from M.Ed. / C & I /ESL and replace with SPSE 6712, Fieldwork and Applied Research in ESL Learning Environments, effective Summer 2009

Management and Marketing

Other

Letter of Intent submitted for M.S. in Management, effective Fall 2010