

# GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 29, 2010

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

## I. Call to Order

### **Members present:**

Kathy Burriss, Michaele Chappell, Cosette Collier, Clay Cotham, Kevin Donovan, Gore Ervin, Michael Hein, Donald Lester, Bren Martin, David Penn, Jason Reineke, Greg Schmidt and Vince Smith

### **Ex-Officio members present:**

Michael Allen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

## II. Announcements

### **A. Dr. Craig Rice, Vice-Chair**

Dr. Rice welcomed the Council members.

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

Dr. Allen reported that there were 98 applicants in the Vice Provost for International Affairs search. Of those 98 applicants, the search committee has submitted 11 names to TBR and Equity and Compliance for approval for phone interviews.

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

Dr. Cunningham distributed a newly created brochure for the M.S. in Horse Science. He shared this brochure as an example to encourage all programs to either create or update their brochures to make available for interested students during recruitment.

Dr. Cunningham reported that Rick Henegar left on October 28<sup>th</sup> for recruiting assignments in China, Korea, and Thailand. Dr. Cunningham has recently attended recruitment events at the University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University.

Dr. Cunningham stated that three advisors from EducationUSA will be at MTSU next week.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—September 24, 2010**

*A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.*

### **IV. Sub-Committee Reports**

#### **A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review**

**Dr. John DiVincenzo, 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. Vicky MacLean, Chair**

- Dr. Reineke reported that the committee met on October 7, 2010. The committee is currently conducting a review of six peer institutions in order to find ways to increase student funding. The group is also trying to find campus space for a graduate student organization. Dr. Reineke stated the committee has some concerns that 10-25% of the graduate student/faculty travel funds go to faculty members. The committee would like for students to have more travel funds available to them.

#### **C. Policies and Procedures**

**Dr. Vince Smith, Chair**

- Dr. Smith asked for feedback from the Council about English speaking skills of GTAs and ideas for improvement in speaking and writing skills.
- Dr. Smith asked if there was an Academic Fresh Start policy in place for graduate students. There is currently no such policy for graduate students. Further discussion and research will be needed to determine if the Council would like to propose such a policy.

#### **D. Graduate Program Review**

**Dr. Kevin Donovan, Chair**

- No report

**V. Old Business**

- In a previous meeting, it was suggested that a new plotter be purchased to facilitate the needs of students when preparing for poster presentations. Dr. Cunningham will check into the feasibility of a plotter purchase.

**VI. New Business**

- The College of Graduate Studies employs an English Ph.D. student, Brandi Williamson, as a thesis and dissertation consultant. Ms. Williamson can be reached at [thesis@mtsu.edu](mailto:thesis@mtsu.edu).

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Hawkins, Recording Secretary

# Graduate Council – Consent Calendar October 29, 2010

## Graduate Faculty Membership

### Associate

Amy Kaufman / English  
Laura A. White / English  
Moses K. Tesi / Political Science  
Frederick P. Vanosdall / TMSTEC

### Full – Initial

Joseph L. Akins / Recording Industry

### Doctoral – Initial

Charles C. Chusuei / Chemistry  
Zachariah Sinkala / Mathematical Science

## Curriculum Changes

### *Literacy Studies*

#### Other

LITS 7330 Special Topics in Literacy, request to make repeatable up to 6 hours, effective Spring 2011

### *History*

#### Other

Make the following courses repeatable for up to 6 hours:

HIST 6104/7104, 6105/7105, 6204/7204, 6205/7205, 6304/7304, 6305/7305, 7910, and 7920

Changes effective Spring 2011

## *Elementary and Special Education*

### **Proposed New Course(s)**

ELED 6470 Designing & Implementing Problem-Based Learning, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2011  
ELED 6480 Problem-Based Learning: Teacher as Mentor, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2011

## *Educational Leadership*

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

Request to collapse four existing Ed.S. Curriculum & Instruction Specializations into one Curriculum & Instruction Specialization in order to avoid EdS Curriculum & Instruction program fragmentation, effective Spring 2011

### **Other**

Request program changes for M.Ed./Curriculum & Instruction with concentration in ESL due to revised Tennessee Standards for Professional Licensure in English as a Second Language, effective Fall 2011

### **Course Number/Title Change**

YOED 6020 Change title from Reading, Writing, & Learning Methods for ESL to Literacy Instruction for ESL Learners, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2011

SPSE 6820 Change title from Second Language Acquisition: Theory & Research for Teachers to Second Language Acquisition: Cultural Aspects, Theory & Research for Teachers, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2011

FOED 7860 Change course/title from FOED 7860 Education & Digital Youth: Teaching & Learning in Participatory Culture to FOED 6860 Education & Digital Youth: Language Learning in a Participatory Culture, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2011

### **Proposed New Course(s)**

SPSE 6830 Assessment and Evaluation of English Language Learners, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2011

FOED 6022 Foundations, History, and Legal Aspects of ESL and Bilingual Education, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2011

YOED 6030 Content Instruction for English Language Learners, 3 credit hours, effective Fall 2011

## *Psychology*

### **Proposed New Course(s)**

- PSY 7190      Advanced Cognitive Psychology, (add to current 6000 level), 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2011
- PSY 7281      Psychological Statistics: Regression Lab, zero credits, effective Spring 2011
- PSY 7291      Psychological Statistics: Anova Lab, zero credits, effective Spring 2011

## *Health and Human Performance*

### **Other**

- LSM 6640      Thesis Research  
Revise the schedule type for LSM 6640 in the course inventory from 'lecture' to 'master thesis' and to change the instructional method from 'conventional methodology' to 'thesis', effective Fall 2010

## *Computer Science*

### **Course Number/Title Change**

- Change CSCI 5330 (Parallel Processing Concepts) to CSCI 6330, 3 credit hours, effective Spring 2011