

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

November Agenda - Zoom

December 2, 2022

1:00 pm

Graduate Council Chair: Dr. Melodie Phillips

I. Call to order – 1:15pm

Present: Melodie Phillips, Barbara Lancaster, Joan McRae, Dan Morrell, Pam Morris, Michelle Concesion, Donald Walker, Yi Gu, Lisa Pruitt, Anatoliy Volkov, Hallie England, Dawn McCormack, Christine Crisp, Kim Ward, Poushali Bhadury

Absent: Amy Harris, Jeremy Winters, Kevin Krahenbuhl, Sally Ann Cruikshank, Shannon Harmon, Vickie Harden, Angelica DaSilva

II. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Subcommittee – Dr. Pam Morris

35 curriculum proposals - A motion was made to approve. The motion was seconded and approved.

B. Graduate Faculty Status Subcommittee – Dr. Dan Morrell

3 adjunct, 3 full, 1 teaching - A motion was made to approve. The motion was seconded and approved.

C. Scholarships/Program Review- Dr. Vickie Harden-

3 External Reviewer Applications for MS in Prof. Sciences were reviewed. 2 External reviewers were approved. One was unfit. A motion was made to approve. The motion was seconded and approved.

III. Appeal Committee

Committee to review policy appeal was created: Melodie Phillips, Michelle Concesion, Joan McRae, Dan Morrell, Hallie England. Committee will meet week of Dec 5th to discuss policy appeal from Psychology student.

IV. Motion to Adjourn – 1:24pm

Graduate Council - Faculty Status Subcommittee
September Agenda - Zoom
November 16, 2022
1:00 PM

- I. Call to Order – 1:00 pm Dan Morrell
Members Present – Anatoliy Volkov, Dan Morrell, Lisa Pruitt,
Members Absent –Joan McRae, Shannon Harmon

II. Graduate Faculty Status

- A. Adjunct
1. Anthony, Holly - approved
 2. Gardner-Ducett, Raven – approved pending receipt of APC
 3. Criswell, Brett-approved
- B. Full
1. Abolins, Mark - approved
 2. Dunlap, John- approved
 3. Stone, Nancy-approved
- C. Teaching
1. Hall, Andrea- approved

- III. Motion to Adjourn -1:09pm
Dan Morrell

Meeting Date: Nov. 18, 2022

Reviewers: Vickie Harden, Ph.D.
Donald M. Walker
Yi Gu

Graduate Council

Scholarships / Program Review Subcommittee

External Reviewer Applications

M. S. in Professional Sciences

Linda Strausbaugh, Ph.D. -Recommend

Dr. Strausbaugh is located outside Tennessee.

There is no prior affiliation with MTSU noted on the CV.

The applicant has the appropriate terminal degree – Ph.D. in Genetics, Postdoctoral Molecular Genetics.

The applicant is Professor Emerita since 2014. Prior to this, she achieved full professor rank.

The applicant's last full time position was in 2014. The extent of time spent with research or teaching as Professor Emerita is unclear. This may be an area of concern, given that she is close to meeting the 10-year mark for working at an institution with a similar in mission and enrollment to MTSU or in a nationally recognized program MTSU is striving to emulate (UConn).

Dr. Strausbaugh meets the requirement for outstanding research activity and special expertise. She has recent (within the past 5 years) publications. However, her most recent first authorship was in 2019 and this does not appear to be a research-based article.

The applicant has co-authored a book and several publications related to pedagogy and curriculum development within STEM.

Based on publications she has considerable experience in graduate education. She has also received national recognition related to professional science master programs via the Counsel of Graduate Schools.

There was no prior reviewer positions noted in the CV. However, she has extensive experience in professional organizations and as a panelist for the National Science Foundation.

Summary: Dr. Strausbaugh has extensive experience and expertise in the area of forensic DNA and genetics. She has successfully attained full professor at UConn, and has longevity with that institution. Her experience with graduate education is also impressive. The only area of concern is that she is close to the 10-year requirement for a reviewer per MTSU criteria for selecting an external reviewer. However, it appears that she has remained active in her area of expertise and continues to contribute to the body of research. She has clearly paved a strong career path and has noted expertise in her area of research.

Timothy Lee Born, Ph.D. - Recommend

Dr. Born is located outside Tennessee.

Per his CV, there has been no prior affiliation with MTSU.

Dr. Born has a Ph.D. in biochemistry. This aligns with the requirements for the external reviewer.

Dr. Born has held several administrative positions. He did not provide information about rank as part of the positions of acting assistant dean, associate dean, or his current position of associate dean. Per his CV, his last rank was associate professor from 2006-2013. Dr. Born's administrative positions were primarily related to student and academic affairs within the College of Science, and as Master's Program Coordinator. His most recent position, Associate Dean of the College of Engineering and Computing, has been held since 2018.

He has been with Grand Valley State University since 2013. This university has an approximate undergraduate enrollment of 20,000, similar to MTSU.

Dr. Born appeared to be active in research while at George Mason University (prior to 2013). It appears that his last scientific article was published in 2007. His most recent first authorship was in 2000. While he has been in academia for a substantial amount of time, Dr. Born's research does not appear to be current.

Dr. Born has extensive experience with student and academic affairs. He has managed a graduate program, and has substantial administrative experience. This includes participation on curriculum committees, student success and outcomes, and work with graduate councils. There was no specific curriculum development experience highlighted in the CV.

The applicant has experience with graduate education, has coordinated graduate programs and advising graduate students. He has extensive experience with the development of STEM recruitment programs.

There was no information in the CV about experience as an external reviewer.

Summary: Dr. Born has extensive administrative experience. His teaching and research experience seemed to diminish in the past 10 years. He appears to have expertise related to the administration of graduate programs, which may be helpful to the program. However, his professional experience does not seem to pave a path of expertise in his field or an ongoing research agenda to solidify that expertise.

Daniel J. Watts, Ph.D. – Do not recommend

Dr. Watts is located outside Tennessee.

The applicant has never have been affiliated with MTSU.

His Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry is an appropriate terminal degree in the discipline

Per his CV, he does not hold academic rank of associate professor or professor (professor preferred). His last noted rank was Instructor (2015-present).

He has not worked during the past ten (10) years at an institution(s) similar in mission and enrollment to MTSU or in a nationally recognized program we are striving to emulate.

He has an extensive record of expertise in private industry and with governmental entities. He does not have a record of expertise related to research in the field or related publications.

The applicant does not have experience in pedagogical and curricular development in the field

His experience in graduate education is limited.

He has not been an external reviewer.

Summary: Dr. Watts does not meet the requirements for external reviewer with the Professional Sciences program.

AGENDA
2022-2023 Graduate Council Subcommittee
November 18, 2022
VIA ZOOM - 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order: Pam Morris 9:02am

Members Present: Pam Morris, Kevin Krahenbuhl, , Melodie Phillips , Amy Harris, Kim Ward

Members Absent: Michelle Conceison

Visitors Present:Christine Crisp, Mitzi Brandon, Susan Smith, Allison Martenson, Dawn McCormack, Paula Callahan

Previously Tabled Proposals: N/A

New Business

Proposals

Proposal	Effective Date	Proposed Action	Detailed Explanation	Reference #
College of Basic and Applied Sciences				
DATA - 6910 - Internship in Data Science	Summer 2023	New Course	Prerequisites: Major in Data Science; A plan of activities with the internship sponsor before registration; Approval of Program Director. Practical experience related to data science. A minimum of 60 hours for each credit. Maximum of 3 credits. Pass/Fail.	18

Discussion: n/a

Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mathematics and Science Education, Biological Education Concentration, Ph.D.	Summer 2023	Program Change	Original Program of Study required BIOL 7900 + 18 credit hours of BIOL rubric courses. This change requires BIOL 7900 + 15 credits of BIOL rubric courses.	24
Discussion: n/a				
Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.				

Aerospace

AERO - 6100 - Aviation Education Workshop	Summer 2023	Course Desc. Change	The audience for this class is primarily Master of Science in Aeronautical Sciences students so no reference to K-12 teachers is relevant - and there no longer is a field trip or introductory flight included in the course.	1
Discussion: n/a				
Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.				

Chemistry

CHEM - 5330 - Physical Chemistry Fundamentals	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation	Courses no longer needed or haven't been offered in a long time	2
CHEM - 5331 - Physical Chemistry Fundamentals Lab	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation		3
CHEM - 5340 - Physical Chemistry Fundamentals	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation		4
CHEM - 5341 - Physical Chemistry Fundamentals Lab	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation		5
CHEM - 5350 - Physical Chemistry	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation		6
CHEM - 5351 - Physical Chemistry Lab	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation		7
CHEM - 5360 - Physical Chemistry	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation		8
CHEM 5361 - Physical Chemistry Lab	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation		9

CHEM - 5400 - Inorganic Chemistry	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation		10
CHEM - 5600 - Introduction to Environmental Chemistry	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation		11
CHEM - 5630 - Detection of Chemical Pollutants	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation		12
CHEM - 5631 - Detection of Chemical Pollutants Lab	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation		13
CHEM - 5730 - Advanced Physical Chemistry	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation		14
CHEM - 5731 - Advanced Physical Chemistry Lab	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation		15
CHEM - 6480 - Laboratory in Inorganic Chemistry-Inorganic Synthetic Methods	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation		16
CHEM - 6490 - Laboratory in Inorganic Chemistry-Physical Methods in Inorganic Chemistry	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation		17
Discussion: n/a				
Committee Action: A motion was made to approve all the chem proposals. The motion was seconded and approved.				

College of Behavioral & Health Sciences

Nursing

NURS - 6210 - Family Healthcare Diagnosis and Management I and Clinical	Summer 2023	Course Change	Change Course Title	25
NURS - 6211 - Family Healthcare Diagnosis and Management II and Clinical	Summer 2023	Course Change	Change Course Title	26
NURS - 6213 - Family Healthcare Diagnosis and Management Intensive Clinical	Summer 2023	Course Change	Change Course Title	27
NURS - 6311 - Psychiatric Mental Health Diagnosis and Management I and Clinical	Summer 2023	Course Change	Change Course Title	28
NURS - 6312 - Psychiatric Mental Health Diagnosis and Management II and Clinical	Summer 2023	Course Change	Change Course Title	29
NURS - 6313 - Psychiatric Mental Health Diagnosis and Management Intensive Clinical	Summer 2023	Course Change	Change Course Title	30
Discussion: n/a				
Committee Action: A motion was made to approve all NURS proposals. The motion was seconded and approved.				

Psychology

PSY - 6860 - Advanced Field Practicum (Clinical)	Summer 2023	Course Change	Change course title, content, and prerequisites	33
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Discussion: n/a

Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.

Jones College of Business

Finance

Finance, M.S.	Summer 2023	Program Change	Change how electives are listed on website/catalog and add the newly approved FIN 6070 and FIN 6099 to the list of approved electives for this program.	21
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Discussion: n/a

Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.

College of Education

Educational Leadership (Womack)

YOED - 6100 - Aviation Education Workshop	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation	Course Discontinuation	35
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Discussion: n/a

Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.

Professional Counseling - Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Summer 2023	Change to admission, retention, progression, or graduation policy	No longer requiring the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) for applicants whose undergraduate grade point average (GPA) is 3.00 or above	31
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Discussion: n/a

Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.

Professional Counseling - School Counseling	Summer 2023	Change to admission, retention, progression, or graduation policy	No longer requiring the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) for applicants whose undergraduate grade point average (GPA) is 3.00 or above	32
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Discussion: n/a

Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.

College of Liberal Arts

English

ENGL - 6301 - Special Topics in Global English Literatures	Summer 2023 Course Change	Update the course to reflect developments in the field to change the language of postcolonial literature to t Special Topics in Global English Literatures & make the course a special topics course repeatable up to 3 times with different topics.	19
Discussion: n/a			
Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.			

ENGL - 7301 - Special Topics in Global English Literatures	Summer 2023 Course Change	Update the course to reflect developments in the field to change the language of postcolonial literature to t Special Topics in Global English Literatures & make the course a special topics course repeatable up to 3 times with different topics.	20
Discussion: n/a			
Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.			

History

HIST - 5690 - Native American and Indigenous History	Summer 2023	Course Change	Course Title and description change- The History of Native American and Indigenous peoples of the Americas and beyond from ancient times to the present with emphasis on Native American and Indigenous contributions to World History.	22
Discussion: n/a				
Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.				

Political Science and International Relations

International Affairs, M.A.	Summer 2023	Program Change	Changing PS 6640 (Thesis Research) to 3-6 hours AND increasing the hours for thesis students ONLY to 30-33 hours.	23
Discussion: n/a				
Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.				

College of Media & Entertainment

Recording Arts and Technologies

Recording Arts and Technologies, M.F.A.	Summer 2023	Program Change	Add RIM 6020 as an elective	34
Discussion: n/a				
Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.				

Adjournment: Pam Morris 9:17am

