

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Graduate Council Minutes
February 22, 2007

Members Present: E. Bartoo, R. Briley, V. Bumphus, M. Colston, J. Dumas, D. Edwards, E. Foster, J. Freeman, P. Guess, B. O'Leary, C.B. Smith, J. Tucker

Members Absent: N. Alp, K. Gibbs, K. Lindgren, J McNair, B. E. Meagher, V. Petzko, V. Radu, C. Smith, K. Turner,

Ex-Officio Members Present: D. Arfken, S. Bellar, Y. Kilpatrick, R. Zielke

Ex-Officio Members Absent: T. Liedtka

Guests: M. Tanner

Action Taken

The following proposals were approved:

1. Computational Engineering: addition of four new courses
2. Engineering: changes in total credit hours for M. S. Engineering and Computational Engineering; guidelines for the degree in the Graduate Catalog, p. 56
3. Learning and Leadership: addition of one new course
4. Physical Therapy: addition of new post-professional concentration
5. School Leadership: addition of new concentration

I. Call to Order, Introductions and Approval of the Minutes

Dr. Dumas called the meeting to order at 3:21. The February 8 meeting was canceled due to the conflict with the full faculty meeting. The minutes from the January 25 meeting were approved with the following changes:

1. Correct the spelling of Rabbit Zielke's name.
2. Indicate Rabbit Zielke was present.

II. Report from Curriculum Committee

In Dean Liedtka's absence, Dr. Bartoo stated the curriculum committee had met and approved all of the proposals on first reading. He then stated he would have each program present their specific proposals.

Computational Engineering – Dr. Roger Briley presented the proposal. There was discussion regarding how the courses should be graded. Dr. Briley agreed to add a sentence that the grade for the 1 hour course would be based on homework. The proposal passed, 12-0-0.

Engineering – This proposal is to reduce the number of hours required for the degree to 30-34 (Engineering) and 30-33 (Computational Engineering) which will bring it in line with what other schools are offering. Also discussed was the appropriate catalog language. The proposal passed, 12-0-0.

Education – Dr. John Freeman requested the course number to be EDD 733 in order to keep it in proper sequence. He said the course itself is designed to give doctoral students a better understanding of the qualitative education program. After discussion, the proposal passed 12-0-0.

Physical Therapy- Cathie Smith stated the new concentration will be for licensed practitioners who have already graduated from an accredited institution. The new concentration is in response to a national movement to move the degree to the doctorate level and provides a way for those with a B.S. or M.S. in Physical Therapy to earn the DPT. A discussion followed and the proposal passed by a vote of 11-0-0.

School Leadership – John Freeman stated the proposal addresses the growing need of teachers who want to have leadership roles in the school but do not necessarily want to be principals. After discussion, the proposal passed 12-0-0.

III. Discussion of Transfer Credit

Dr. Arfken stated that this was a continuation of a discussion from the previous Graduate Council meeting. She then distributed a sheet containing the current and proposed changes to the transfer credit information in the Graduate Catalog.

There was a discussion regarding when the changes would go into effect, how much transfer credit would be given, and whether to allow a portion to be portfolio work.

It was decided that further discussion was needed and that it should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

IV. Stephanie Bellar 400-Level Committee Report

After summarizing the 400-Level Committee Report and its policy issues, Dr. Bellar recommended two forms:

1. A form to monitor courses that have been approved by Graduate Council and are being taught by graduate professors. The form would document the divergence from the sample syllabus to ensure similar standards are being used.
2. A form for students in 400 level courses that have not been approved by Graduate Council. This form will require significant detail but when completed and approved by the Graduate School, it will allow a student to take the course and receive graduate credit.

V. Discussion of three year degrees (Bologna-type and others) – Forward to next meeting.

VI. Other Business

Dr. Dumas reminded the Council that it needs to elect members for next year by the end of this year. He also stated that anyone not planning to serve should find his or her replacement.

Dr. Dumas also said Dr. Bartoo will chair the next meeting on March 8.

VII. Adjournment

Dr. Dumas adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes were approved March 8, 2007