

**The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga**  
**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**February 23, 2006**

Members Present: E. Bartoo, R. Briley, J. Dumas, I. Fomunung for E. Foster, J. Freeman, L. Harris, M. Long, E. Meagher, B. O'Leary, V. Petzko, C. Smith, J. Tucker, K. Turner

Members Absent: R. Anderson, V. Bumphus, S. Davidson, D. Halstead, G. Heath,

Ex-Officio Members Present: S. Bellar, Y. Kilpatrick, T. Liedtka

Ex-Officio Members Absent: D. Arfken, C. Arender

Guests Present: Robin Lee, Ed Rozema, Randy Walker

- **Second Reading: Changes in Curriculum for Counseling Program: 9-0-0**
- **Second Reading: Mathematics 591r Special Topics (1-4) and Mathematics 597r Individual Studies (1-4): 9-0-1**
- **Second Reading: Revisions to the Master of Accountancy Program: 9-0-0**
- **Second Reading: Revision of Doctor of Physical Therapy Curriculum: 10-0-0**

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:16 p.m. The minutes were approved unanimously with changes (information item added to the block for actions taken).

**II. Report from Curriculum Committee**

Dean Liedtka informed Graduate Council that the Curriculum Committee met on February 20. She introduced Dr. Robin Lee to present the Counseling proposal for second reading.

Dr. Lee said the changes being made are basically taking two different introduction classes and combining them into one general introduction class. Furthermore, there is an additional three hour internship so Community Counseling will be allowed to spread the internship into two 300 hour internships. Dr. Lee said she met with Dr. Arfken to discuss 559 variable credit. Dr. Bartoo moved to accept the proposal on the second reading. Dr. Meagher seconded the motion. The proposal passed on second reading, 9-0-0.

Dean Liedtka introduced Dr. Rozema from Mathematics to present the proposal adding MATH 591r, Special Topics (1-4) and MATH 597r, Individual Studies (1-4). Dr. Bartoo noted that an evaluation of the workshop is now included. This is especially important for teachers who may be participating in the workshop. The

course evaluation is distinct from the instructor evaluation. Dr. Meagher moved to accept the proposal on the second reading. Dr. Briley seconded the motion. The proposal passed on second reading, 9-0-1.

Professor Turner presented the proposal from the Business Department asking that four Accounting background courses be deleted and BUSA 573 be added. The proposal also decreases the number of leveling courses to reduce the barriers of entry for liberal arts students while maintaining AACSB accreditation standards. Dr. Petzko moved to accept the proposal on the second reading. Dr. O'Leary seconded the motion. The proposal passed on second reading, 9-0-0.

Dean Liedtka said that the Physical Therapy proposal, after much concern and debate, passed on the first reading at Curriculum Council. Dr. Bartoo gave what he called a condensed version of the proposal. Physical Therapy (PT) students, after three years of pre-professional coursework, will have 84 hours of coursework and will then begin taking graduate level courses. PT students will be allowed to take graduate level courses for professional study. Once the students have successfully completed the first year of professional study (graduate level courses), they will receive a Bachelors of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences from UTC, then when they receive the B.S. degree they will then have the opportunity to be admitted into the Graduate School. Dr. Walker opened the floor for questions. Yvonne Kilpatrick asked the question of who will handle any petitions etc during the first year of professional work, when the student is taking graduate courses but has not been admitted into the Graduate School. Dr. Walker stated that the undergraduate petitions committee would handle it because the student will still be considered an undergraduate student. Dr. Bartoo said his main concern is that we may be approaching a slippery slope, opening the doors for more programs to allow students to begin work on a Masters degree in their final academic year. Dr. Petzko commented that because this is such a specialized area with specific reasons we should simply worry about those problems if or when they occur. She also stated that just because the doors are now opened doesn't mean we need to allow people to run through it.

Dr. Dumas had a serious problem with the standards proposal that had been submitted to us regarding the admission process for PT. Under the heading "Following outlines the requirements that must be met by the student:" it states that the student must be accepted into an accredited doctoral program or masters program in the health sciences. Dr. Dumas said we're not admitting them into anything until they've received their bachelor's degree, simply allowing them to take more than the currently allowed nine hours to be applied to their masters degree. Dr. Bellar and Dr. Bartoo explained everything from that heading on will be deleted before being submitted to Faculty Senate. It was suggested that Dr. Dumas draft a memo to be sent to Faculty Senate if that language has not been taken out of the proposal when Faculty Senate receives it. Dr. Dumas wanted it noted in the minutes that Graduate Council was only voting on the catalog language presented, not on the standards committee proposal. Dr. Bartoo moved to accept the proposal on second reading. Professor Turner seconded the motion. The proposal passed on second reading with the accompanying memo by the Chair defining acceptance into professional year forwarded to Faculty Senate, 10-0-0.

**III. Other Business**

Dean Liedtka stated that all proposals that are to be considered for the spring semester need to be forwarded to Ms. Kelly Pier in the Graduate School by March 20, 2006.

**IV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Pier, CPS  
Executive Secretary  
The Graduate School