

**Minutes  
Graduate Council**

**March 24, 2005**

- . Graduate Faculty members were approved.
- . The internship course in ENGR and ENGR was approved on first reading.
- . The enrollment and minimum grade requirements for ED. S. School Psychology were approved on first reading.
- . The lengthening of to the MSN: Anesthesia program was approved on first reading.
- . Revision to the M.ACC and MBA admission requirements were approved on first reading.

**Minutes.** Dr. Bartoo started the meeting at 3:20, after a quorum had been reached. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

- I. **Graduate Faculty Membership.** Dr. Bellar reviewed the categories of membership and explained several of the committee's recommendations that differed from those of the college deans. The committee's recommendations were based on the faculty member's evidence of engagement in scholarly and creative activities over the past five years.

Dr. Arfken stated that there is, indeed, an appeal process. It was not printed in the Graduate Manual but is in the Graduate Catalog. Dr. Dumas and Dr. Petzko stated that they were relieved to know of the appeal process. Dr. Bartoo said that the idea of scholarship is different by discipline and that the Criteria should be articulate about those standards. Dr. Helton said that faculty should be notified at each stage of the process, and Dr. Briley said that the presumption is that we will fix the process as soon as we can.

Dr. Foster moved and Dr. O'Leary seconded a motion to approve the recommendations. The motion was approved, 10-1-2.

- II. **First reading: Addition of Internship in Engineering and Engineering Management.** Prof. Turner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Foster, to approve the proposal. There were several questions about the total hours of work required for the corresponding credit hours. The motion was tabled by unanimous vote, 12-0-0. Two readings will take place at the next Graduate Council meeting.

- III. **First reading: Revision of the Ed. S. Advanced Educational Practice: School Psychology program.** The proposal included two parts.
- A) The first was a requirement for a residency or enrollment over contiguous semesters. Dr. Dumas asked if this would present a problem for part-time students, and Dr. Helton responded that it would be such for about 20 percent of the students but that the requirement would not affect those already admitted. Instead, it would apply to a new class of students. This part of the proposal was approved, 13-0-0.
- B. The second part concerned a minimum grade of B on all courses included for the degree. Dr. Dumas asked if Dr. Helton had considered any other methods. Dr. Arfken mentioned that 3.0 is the continuation standard for graduate students anyway. The motion for part B (Dr. Petzko moved; Dr. Fell seconded) was approved, 11-0-0.
- IV. **First reading: Revision of the MSN: Anesthesia Pprogram.** The proposal included two information items relative to the proposal to change NURS 545: Principles of Nurse Anesthesia from 3-6 credit hours. The changes mean that the concentration will move from 59/62 hours to 62/65 credit hours and that the program will now last 31 months. The motion (moved by Prof. Turner, seconded by Dr. Fell) was approved 13-0-0.
- V. **First reading: Revision of the MBA Admission Requirements.** This proposal had multiple parts.
- A) Prof. Turner explained that the present admission index used in the Master of Accountancy and the Master of Business Administration programs provides no incentive for a student to do well on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) if the student has a high gpa. The proposal to require that students earn a 450 on the GMAT should ensure quality in the programs and position the programs competitively. The College of Business Administration intends to establish its reputation based on quality, in accord with its accreditation body. Dr. Bartoo asked what the impact might be if the admission requirement stiffens. Prof. Turner said that the faculty can accept students by exception (up to 10 percent) without jeopardizing accreditation and that will help some students. The faculty will also add an interview to the process. The motion to approve the proposal passed by a vote of 12-0-0.
- C. The revision will change the background or leveling courses by adding BMGT 573: Business Law and Ethics (3) to the existing ECON 501, BMGT 571, and BACC 572 and dropping BFIN 573, BMKT 574, BMGT 575, and BMGT 576. These changes mean there will be flexibility in staffing and that the program will be more attractive to students with undergraduate degrees in

the liberal arts. The motion (Dr. Dumas moved; Dr. Alp seconded) was approved 12-0-0.

D. The core will be increased from 15 hours to 18. BMGT 581 will be added to the existing core. There was no discussion of this part. This motion (Dr. Petzko moved; Dr. Wakim seconded) was approved, 12-0-0.

D. The capstone course requirement will be changed. BUSA 581 will be dropped and BETR 588 added. This motion made by Dr. Fell and seconded by Dr. O'Leary was approved 12-0-0.

E. The revision included increasing the number of elective hours from 9-12 hours. As a result of the previous curriculum changes, the hours required for degree completion, including leveling courses, will change from 51 to 48. This motion (Dr. Petzko moved; Dr. Alp seconded) was approved, 12-0-0.

VI. **Other Matters.** Dr. Bartoo appointed Prof. Turner, Dr. Wakim, and Dr. Petzko to form a nominating committee to recommend next year's Graduate Council chair.

VII. **Adjournment.** After scheduling the last meeting of the year for April 12, Dr. Bartoo adjourned the meeting at 5p.m.

<p><b>The next meeting will be in the Heritage Room on April 12 (Tuesday) at 3:15 p.m.</b></p>
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