

**Minutes
Graduate Council
January 28, 2010**

Members Present: Neslihan Alp, Nicholas Boér, David Edwards, John Freeman, Kristi Gibbs, George Helton, Gale Iles, Virginia Magnus, Jonathan Mies, Brian O’Leary, Mike Owens, Vicki Petzko, Gene Schlereth, Joyce Smith, Greg Thibadoux, Randy Walker, Li Yang

Members Absent: Roger Briley, Tom Buggery, Monte Coulter, Stephen Craven, Diane Halstead, Joey Shaw, Dana Wertenberger

Ex-officio Members Present: Stephanie Bellar, Joe Dumas, Yvonne Kilpatrick, Raven Worthy

Ex-officio Members Absent: Theresa Liedtka

Guests: Elizabeth Bell, Sandy Zitkus

Summary of Actions

1. 10-0004GC Allow GRE or GMAT for College of Business Admission; passed 17-0-0.
2. 10-0005GC Deactivate BMGT 518 (no longer offered); passed 17-0-0
3. 10-0017GC Community Counseling Revisions; passed 17-0-0
4. Approved Graduate Faculty Committee’s Recommendations; 17-0-0

Opening: Vicki Petzko called the meeting to order and asked if there were corrections to the minutes. The minutes from January 14, 2010 were approved with one correction. She announced the DNP proposal had been unanimously approved at the full faculty meeting on the previous day. She thanked the Graduate Council’s Curriculum Committee for their work in reviewing the proposal and moving it forward so quickly.

Curriculum Committee: Gene Schlereth, chair of the Curriculum Committee, presented the following information items that did not require a vote of the Council.

- 10-0007GC Change in Computational Engineering (ENCM) Course Prerequisites
- 10-0013GC Changes to Course Prerequisites in School Psychology (Ed.S.) Program
- 10-0021GC Name and Course Description Changes to POLS 502 and 504
- 10-0023GC Changes in Prerequisites for Some Counseling Courses
- 10-0036GC Change Course Numbers; Applied Music Instruction

Schlereth then brought forward proposal 10-0004GC “Allow GRE or GMAT for College of Business Admission.” Mike Owens, College of Business, stated the current GMAT requirement mandates an admissions index (AI) of 950, the AI requirement with a GRE would be 1,500, calculated as $200x$ (undergraduate GPA) + GRE score. When asked if the COB waived the GMAT he said they consider exceptions, but they do not waive. He said that accepting the GMAT or GRE was a growing national trend. He continued by saying they believe this change will open up options to students interested in a business degree that have taken the GRE. Addressing the issue of conditional admission to the Graduate School for students with a cumulative undergraduate GPA under 2.5, Stephanie Bellar stated the language would need clarification. The Graduate School uses conditional admittance very narrowly. The proposal passed; 17-0-0.

Proposal 10-0005GC Deactivate BMGT 518 (no longer offered) was brought forward by Schlereth who stated that it had been before the Council on October 22 but the notes did not reflect a vote, so it was being brought forward again. It passed; 17-0-0.

After a discussion regarding whether deactivation of a course required a full proposal, Vicki Petzko asked the Graduate School to check with the Records Office to determine the criteria for an information item and a proposal.

Schlereth then presented 10-0017GC “Community Counseling Revisions” stating that the changes to Community Counseling would increase the program’s hours from 48 to 60. Kristi Gibbs, Graduate Studies Division, explained the proposal stemmed from CACREP (Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs) releasing new standards in 2009. The Community Counseling concentration (48 hours) would eventually be phased out and a new concentration, Clinical Mental Health Counseling (60 hours) would be implemented. Currently the M.Ed. degree offers the Community Counseling concentration that is taken by students pursuing licensure as a professional counselor. The State of Tennessee requires a 60-hour program for licensure. Gibbs stated the master’s degree is the terminal degree for practice as a professional counselor and that supervisory courses are normally only taught in doctoral programs. The additional 12 hours of course work could be taken from supervisory courses.

Also included in the proposal was a request to change the name of EPSY 552 from “Substance Abuse Counseling” to “Addictions Counseling.” The proposal passed; 17-0-0.

Graduate Faculty: Joe Dumas distributed copies of the Graduate Faculty Committee’s recommendations saying that most of the applications were requesting the “Special” category. He said their department heads and respective deans had approved each request. The Council approved the Committee’s recommendations by a vote of 17-0-0.

Other Matters: Stephanie Bellar encouraged the Council to take part in the mock registration saying that registration in Banner would start on March 29. She said that when the move is made to Banner, no students whose status is “pending” would be able to register. She asked that everyone be available in May and June to push the admissions paperwork through. She said she was not sure if CAPP would be available and that advisors may need to default back to RAP sheets for advisement.

Vicki Petzko stated she would request a date when the Provost will be able to come to a meeting to discuss tuition reimbursement for students affected by the change in the fee structure policy.

Petzko, stating that our loss was their gain, wished Yvonne Kilpatrick “Good Luck” in her new position at UT Knoxville.

Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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