

Minutes
Graduate Council
February 18, 2010

Members Present: Neslihan Alp, Nicholas Boér, Tom Buggey, Stephen Craven, John Freeman, Kristi Gibbs, Diane Halstead, George Helton, Virginia Magnus, Jonathan Mies, Brian O’Leary, Mike Owens, Vicki Petzko, Gene Schlereth, Joey Shaw, Joyce Smith, Tim Swafford for Roger Briley, Greg Thibadoux, Larry Tillman for Randy Walker

Members Absent: Monte Coulter, David Edwards, Gale Iles, Dana Wertenberger, Li Yang

Ex-officio Members Present: Joe Dumas

Ex-officio Members Absent: Stephanie Bellar, Theresa Liedtka, Raven Worthy

Guests: Elizabeth Bell, Marisa Colston, Linda Hill, Kay Lindgren, Mary Tanner

Summary of Actions

10-0029GC *Engineering Management* “Construction Management Concentration” passed; 16-0-0.
10-0025GC *Engineering:Electrical* “Revision of Master of Science” passed; 15-0-1.
10-0014GC *Athletic Training* “Curricular Changes to Master of Science Athletic Training” passed; 16-0-0.
10-0008GC *Political Science* “Political Science 561 Catalog Changes” passed 16-0-0.
10-0015GC *Graduate Studies Division* “Ed.S. Concentration in Principal Licensure” passed; 15-0-0.
10-0016GC *Physical Therapy* “Add a New Elective to DPT Curriculum” passed; 14-0-0.
10-0022GC *Nursing* “Discontinue NUR 547R and Replace with Eight Semester Clinical Nurse Anesthesia Practicum Sequence of Courses for MSN Nurse Anesthesia Concentration Clinical Practicum Courses” passed; 14-0-0.
10-0019GC *Nursing* “Change in Semester Credit Hour Ratio” passed; 14-0-0.
10-0018GC *Graduate Studies Division* “Reorganization of the Masters in Education, Special Education Degree Program” passed; 14-0-0.
10-0035GC *Computation Engineering* “Splitting ENCM 799 Research and Dissertation into Two Courses” passed; 14-0-0.

Opening: Vicki Petzko called the special convened meeting to order and asked if there were corrections to the minutes. The minutes from January 28, 2010 were approved as submitted.

10-0029GC *Engineering Management* “Construction Management Concentration”
Nesli Alp said this is a new concentration at the Graduate School level, and that it would be the same core as the department’s other concentrations with 33 hours and 18 elective courses, but the proposal would add five courses. She continued by saying that no additional funding would be required for the program. When asked which electrical code the class would teach, Georgia or Tennessee, she responded, that given the school’s proximity, both would be taught. The proposal passed; 16-0-0.

10-0025GC *Engineering: Electrical* “Revision of Master of Science”
Stephen Craven stated that the proposal addressed two issues: the department wanted to remove course pre-requisites that were not being offered and to change the prefixes of the courses to match

undergraduate. He continued that three courses would be added, two of which would be computer hardware classes that adjuncts would teach. He said at the Curriculum Committee's first reading, it was brought to his attention that the deletion of the pre-requisite of the Math 502 should have been reviewed by the Math Department. Dr. Craven said that since the committee meeting, he had met with the Math Department and had modified the proposal that was sent to the Graduate School, but not forwarded to the Council. Gene Schlereth of the Math Department voiced his concern regarding adjuncts teaching, saying that full time faculty should be available. It was noted that the "project option" was being added, and that Electrical Engineering would now be more in line with the other engineering programs that allow either a thesis or a project option. The proposal passed; 15-0-1.

10-0014GC Athletic Training "Curricular Changes to Master of Science Athletic Training"

Marisa Colston said that the updated version (February 9, 2010) adds four courses to the program which will have not impact any other programs and they will be instructed by existing faculty or adjunct faculty. It was noted that on page 3, "HHP 5810 Graduate Seminar" should be a 3-hour course and an "r" should be added to the title, since it is a repeatable course. The proposal passed; 16-0-0.

10-0008GC Political Science "Political Science 561 Catalog Changes"

Christopher Horne stated the proposal changes POLS 561 MPA Internship currently 6 hours to POLS 561r MPA Internship and clarifies the catalog language. The proposal passed; 16-0-0.

10-0015GC Graduate Studies Division "Ed.S. Concentration in Principal Licensure"

Vicki Petzko explained that the State Board of Education adopted new requirements and the new Ed.S. in Principal Licensure created by this proposal addresses those changes. In addition, it will allow students to qualify for financial aid. There was a discussion as to whether students would be "double dipping" credit hours and the number of hours required for the EDS:PL. Dr. Petzko noted the Graduate School requested additional comments to be included in the proposal found on page 2 that addressed these issues. The proposal passed; 15-0-0.

10-0016GC Physical Therapy "Add a New Elective to DPT Curriculum"

Larry Tillman stated that this course had been requested by third year students wanting to explore in greater their depth human gross anatomy studies focusing on cadaver anatomical evaluation and treatment. The course is currently being taught as a special topics course and has been very well received. The proposal passed; 14-0-0.

10-0022GC Nursing "Discontinue NUR 547R and Replace with Eight Semester Clinical Nurse Anesthesia Practicum Sequence of Courses for MSN Nurse Anesthesia Concentration Clinical Practicum Courses"

Kay Lindgren stated the proposal discontinues NUR547r and replaces it with eight clinical practicum courses with the grading system to remain as S/NC in the replacement courses. It was determined the Council would first need to extend the 6 hour satisfactory, no credit grading for the 42 hours of the proposed practicum courses, which they did by a vote of 14-0-0. During the discussion that followed, it was decided that NUR547r should not be discontinued until after all the students in the current program graduated. The Nursing Department accepted a friendly amendment and has submitted a request to continue NUR547r until it is no longer needed, at which time they will submit a proposal to discontinue the course. The Council then passed the original proposal; 14-0-0.

10-0019GC Nursing "Change in Semester Credit Hour Ratio"

Kay Lindgren explained that this proposal requested changing the semester credit hour to clock hour ratio for the MSN Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Anesthesia Practicum courses from 1:15 to 1:5. The proposal passed; 14-0-0.

10-0018GC Graduate Studies Division “Reorganization of the Masters in Education, Special Education Degree Program”

John Freeman stated the program had five concentrations and was being reorganized into two; Mild Disabilities and Early Childhood Special Education and that three concentrations would be deactivated: Moderate/Severe Disabilities 6946; Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities 6947; and Gifted Education 6944. He stated that licensure would only be available through the Mild Disabilities concentration. It was noted that the proposed Program of Study for Early Childhood Special Education included a new requirement for thesis. During the discussion that followed it was determined that EDSP 5990 Thesis could be a variable credit class, but should be 6 hours should be required making the program 36 hours with thesis and practicum. The proposal passed 14-0-0.

10-0035GC Computational Engineering “Splitting ENCM 799 Research and Dissertation into Two Courses”

Tim Swafford stated that new graduate students in Computational Engineering are encouraged to explore various topics with the objective to identify one that can eventually be developed into their dissertation topic. Currently, when a student enrolls in ENCM 799 they are required to be continuously enrolled until graduation which forces their dissertation work to begin. By splitting the course, a student could register in ENCM 795r without having to commit to a research topic or beginning their continuous enrollment in dissertation. The new courses will be ENCM 795r Doctoral Research and ENCM 799r Doctoral Dissertation. The proposal passed 14-0-0.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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