

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
January 19, 2017
WEB VERSION

MEMBERS:

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Christina Martin	X		Steve Grice	X	
Xiaoli Su	X		Richard Voss	X	
Tammy Esteves	X		Diane Bandow	X	
James Todhunter	X		Phillip Mixon	X	
Carrie Miller	X		Dan Sutter*	X	
Bill Zhong	X		Denise Cleveland		X*
Tonya Conner	X		Amy Spurlock	X	
Dianne Lawton	X		Jeff Spurlock	X	
Carolyn Russel	X				
Riad Aisami		X*	Mary Anne Templeton, ex officio	X	
Lynn Boyd	X		Robin Bynum, ex officio	X	

X*--absent with notice **attending as proxy for member

Cynthia Hicks – COE, Joe Johnson – COE, Annette Allen – CAS, Fred Figliano – COE, Keith Cates – COE, Glenn Cavin – TROY Online, Robert Wheatley – SCOB, Donna Bragg – AEC, Wendy Broyles – IRPE.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Christina Martin called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

II. Approval of Agenda

Minor changes were made to the Agenda, changing the program for student item #3 to MPA, not MSIR. For student item #6, program changed to Computer Science from Criminal Justice. Dr. Jeff Spurlock motioned to approve the agenda. Dr. Philip Mixon seconded. The motion was approved.

III. Approval of the November 16, 2017 meeting minutes (to include the Web Version).

Dr. Jeff Spurlock motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Philip Mixon seconded. The motion was approved.

IV. Report from the Graduate School

Dr. Templeton informed everyone to check their sections of their Graduate Catalog when it is out for review in April. It will go to print in May. Anything that hasn't been on the agenda for Graduate Academic Council, or that isn't coming in February, will not be in the Graduate Catalog. Please contact the office at ext. 3189 to ensure all your changes are included in the new catalog. Dr. Martin reminded everyone to use online and paper forms when submitting requests at this time.

V. Business Items

NOTE: Policy changes, curriculum changes, etc. approved by the council are effective the following academic year unless otherwise indicated

College of Arts and Sciences**1. Student #1- Extension of Eight- Year Requirement (MSIR)**

Master of Science in International Relations student requesting an extension and has a 4.0 GPA. Dr. James Todhunter presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommends approval of the extension until Term 2, 2018. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Jeff Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Carrie Miller seconded. The motion was approved.

2. Student #2 - Extension of Eight- Year Requirement (MSIR)

Master of Science in International Relations student requesting an extension and has a 2.66 GPA. Dr. Todhunter presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and denied the extension. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Steve Grice motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Dan Sutter seconded. The motion was approved.

3. Student #3 - Extension of Eight- Year Requirement (MPA)

Master of Public Administration student requesting an extension and has a 3.1 GPA. Dr. Tammy Esteves presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. She advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommends approval of the extension until Term 5, 2018. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Todhunter motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Jeff Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

4. Student #4 - Extension of Eight- Year Requirement (MSIR)

Master of Science in International Relations student requesting an extension and has a 3.33 GPA. Dr. Todhunter presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommends approval of the extension until Term 2, 2017. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Mixon motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Esteves seconded. The motion was approved.

5. Student #5 - Extension of Eight- Year Requirement (MPA)

Master of Public Administration student requesting an extension and has a 2.916 GPA. Dr. Esteves presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. She advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommends approval of the extension until Term 5, 2017. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Jeff Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Steve Grice seconded. The motion was approved.

6. Student #6 - Extension of Eight- Year Requirement (MSCS)

Master of Science in Computer Science student requesting an extension and has a 3.25 GPA. Dr. Bill Zhong presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommends approval of the extension until Term 5, 2017. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Mixon motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Jeff Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

7. Addition of Image Processing Elective for Computer Science

Dr. Bill Zhong presented the request from the College of Arts and Sciences to add a new elective to the Master of Computer Science program. This course is titled Image Processing, and has been offered in the past as a Specialized Topic, but the department saw it as an optional elective that should be regularly offered for the program. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Steve Grice motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Dan Sutter seconded. The motion was approved.

8. Removal of NASPAA accreditation for MPA

Dr. Tammy Esteves presented a request from the College of Arts and Sciences to remove the NASPAA accreditation language from the Graduate Catalog. The Master of Public Administration had decided to no longer pursue this accreditation. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Mixon motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Todhunter seconded. The motion was approved.

9. Catalog Changes for Biological and Environmental Science

Dr. Carrie Miller presented a request from the College of Arts and Sciences to make some changes to the Graduate Catalog for the Department of Biology and Environmental Sciences. The changes consisted of three parts. First, the deactivation of several courses that are no longer offered. Second, adding a prerequisite requirement for BIO 5551/BIO L551 Toxicology/Lab. Finally, Cleaning up general language in the catalog. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Todhunter motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Jeff Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

10. Sociology and Social Science Changes

Dr. Annette Allen presented a request from the College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Social Sciences to make changes to the Master of Social Science program. First, six new Sociology courses and one Social Science course were added to the Graduate Catalog. Second, two sociology courses were deactivated. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Amy Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Jeff Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Communication and Fine Arts**11. Accelerated BS to MS degree**

Dr. Jeff Spurlock presented a request from the College of Communication and Fine Arts to offer an accelerated Bachelor of Science to Master of Science in Strategic Communication program. Seniors in the Bachelor of Science program who are eligible for Honor's Admission may take up to nine semester hours of graduate courses in the Master of Science in Strategic Communication program. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Grice motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Mixon seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Education**12. Student #7 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MCPCM)**

Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology: Clinical Mental Health student requesting an extension and has a 3.40 GPA. Dr. Lynn Boyd presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. She advised that the College of Education academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommends approval of the extension until Term 5, 2017. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Jeff Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Dan Sutter seconded. The motion was approved.

13. Removal of Discipline-Specific Courses from MSE – previously tabled

Dr. Joe Johnson presented a request from the College of Education to remove discipline-specific courses from the Master of Science in Education program. This request was previously tabled at the November Graduate Academic Council meeting because the Alabama State checklist was requested. Dr. Johnson provided a copy of the checklist for the members. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Dianne Lawton motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Mixon seconded. The motion was approved.

14. Change in Wording for Gifted Education program

Dr. Tonya Conner presented a request from the College of Education. This is a follow up request from the request in November. The Alabama State Department of Education requested to change language from the Reduced Hour Option to Additional Certification. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Miller motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Todhunter seconded. The motion was approved.

15. Catalog Correction for Sexual Minority Issues in Counseling

Dr. Keith Cates presented a request from the College of Education to correct a typo in the course title for Sexual Minority Issues in Counseling. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Amy Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Jeff Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

16. Curriculum Changes for PMCCMP and PMCCMH

- a. Dr. Keith Cates presented a request from the College of Education. The request was to allow student in the Post-Masters in Clinical Mental Health program take a specialized study course in lieu of an internship if the student has an internship from their previous Master's degree or is working in the field. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Dan Sutter motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Diane Bandow seconded. The motion was approved.
- b. The second request presented by Dr. Cates for the College of Education was similar to the request for the Post-Masters in Clinical Mental Health program. Students in the Post-Masters for Counseling Military Populations may take a specialized study in lieu of the internship if they have a previous Master's degree program. In addition, students in another Troy University counseling program may earn this certificate at the same time they earn their degree. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Steve Grice motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Amy Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

Sorrell College of Business**17. Student #8 - Extension of Eight- Year Requirement (MBA)**

Master of Business Administration student requesting an extension and has a 3.25 GPA. Dr. Robert Wheatley presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the Sorrell College of Business academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommends approval of the extension until Term 3, 2018. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Tammy Esteves motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Dan Sutter seconded. The motion was approved.

18. Student #9 - Extension of Eight- Year Requirement (MSHRM)

Master of Science in Human Resource Management student requesting an extension and has a 2.937 GPA. Dr. Wheatley presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the Sorrell College of Business academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommends approval of the extension until Term 2, 2017. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Grice motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Amy Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

19. Student #10 - Extension of Eight- Year Requirement (MSHRM)

Master of Science in Human Resource Management student requesting an extension and has a 3.0 GPA. Dr. Wheatley presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the Sorrell College of Business academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommends approval of the extension until Term 4, 2018. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Sutter motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Mixon seconded. The motion was approved.

20. Student #11 - Extension of Eight- Year Requirement (MSHRM)

Master of Science in Human Resource Management student requesting an extension and has a 2.9167 GPA. Dr. Wheatley presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the Sorrell College of Business academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommends approval of the extension until Term 2, 2017. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Amy Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Grice seconded. The motion was approved.

21. Student #12 - Extension of Eight- Year Requirement (MSHRM)

Master of Science in Human Resource Management student requesting an extension and has a 3.667 GPA. Dr. Wheatley presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the Sorrell College of Business academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommends approval of the extension until Term 3, 2018. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Jeff Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Tammy Esteves seconded. The motion was approved.

Information Item**22. SACS letter September 27, 2016**

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 16, 2017 in the Conference room of Patterson Hall (room 330) at 1:30 p.m.