

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
November 19, 2009

MEMBERS:

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Cherie Fretwell, Chair		X	Dabney McKenzie (vtel)	X	
Catherine Allard	X		Fred Meine		X
Geraldine Allen (vtel)	X		Jan Oliver	X	
Lynn Boyd (vtel)		X	Dan Puckett (vtel)	X	
Frank Browning (vtel)	X		Jim Rinehart	X	
Andrew Creamer		X	Ellen Rosell	X	
Mark Gaddis (vtel)	X		Robert Saunders		X
Fred Green	X		Jim Simpson (vtel)	X	
William Heisler (vtel)	X		Dr. Dianne Barron, ex officio	X	
Lorraine Magrath	X				

GUESTS: Dr. Scott Bailey, Dr. Barbara Echord, Dr. Ed Merkel, Dr. Kaye Sheridan, Dr. Iris Salteil, Dr. Lance Tatum, Tamara Jones, Darlene Stewart

I. Call to Order

Dr. Barron called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Merkel requested to amend the agenda by removing Item #5 from the Sorrell College of Business items. He also asked that the items on the agenda for the SCOB be rearranged. Dr. Green moved to approve the agenda as amended. Dr. Rosell seconded. The motion carried to approve the agenda as amended.

III. Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2009 (including web version)

Dr. Heisler moved to approve both the traditional version and the web version of the minutes. Dr. Green seconded. The motion was approved.

IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Barron announced the Research Council was approved by the Academic Steering Committee and was presented before the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate was pleased with the proposal. The Research Council will be posted to the Standing Committee page next week for faculty review. Deans will receive a letter from the Provost to hold elections. Our goal is to start meeting by February.

V. Business Items

College of Arts and Sciences

1. Proposal for a new course—ENG 5XXX—The Bible as Literature

Dr. Rinehart presented the proposal for a new course to have “The Bible as Literature” added to the English concentration. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Allard motioned to approve the proposal with the request of a restatement of objectives and differentiation of assessment elements. Dr. Magrath seconded. There was one opposition. Motion approved.

College of Education

1. Dr. Iris Saltiel reported on the QEI

Dr. Saltiel reported that the QEI is a Quality Enhancement Institute. It is a new venture of the University formed out of the 2005-2010 Strategic plan. It is going to work with faculty to help faculty improve the quality of instruction. We are in the process of forming a task force or advisory committee made up of faculty willing to work with Dr. Saltiel on this project. If you have ideas, please email them to Dr. Saltiel. There is also a survey being sent out via email for ideas from faculty.

2. Proposal to Modify Education Specialist Early Childhood and Elementary Education Programs

Dr. Tatum presented the COE's proposal to modify the Education Specialist Early Childhood and Elementary Education Programs to be effective immediately. This is a modification of curriculum and admission requirements. The proposal would have a GRE admission requirement. This proposal would offer a Thesis Option and a Non-Thesis Option. After some discussion, Dr. Green motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Browning seconded the motion. Motion approved.

3. Proposal for Changes to the ALT A TEP Admission

Dr. Tatum presented the COE's proposal to change the ALT A TEP admission to be effective immediately. This proposal would require applicants pass the Math module exam before being admitted to the ALT A TEP program. Dr. Allard motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Green seconded. Motion approved.

Sorrell College of Business

1. Proposal for Inventory Changes to Courses within the MBA, MSM, and MSHRM Degree Programs

Dr. Merkel presented the SCOB's proposal to be effective Fall 2010. This proposal involves deleting unnecessary courses and replacing them with prefixes which are non-degree specific. These changes would consolidate courses that are currently being taught under separate designators. Dr. Simpson motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Green seconded. Motion approved.

2. Proposal for a Change to the Transfer Credit Policy for the MSM and MSHRM Degree Programs

Dr. Merkel presented the SCOB's proposal to be effective Fall 2010. The policy proposed would accept transfer credit only from ACBSP or AACSB accredited schools. Dr. Green motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Gaddis seconded. Motion approved.

3. Proposal for Six Standalone Foundation Courses as Prerequisites for Admission to the MBA, MSM, or MSHRM Degree Programs

Dr. Merkel presented the SCOB's proposal to be effective immediately. This proposal would allow students to take six 1.5 semester hour classes or the four three semester hours classes as a prerequisite for admission to the MBA, MSM, or MSHRM degree program. These classes are prerequisites if a student does not have a Bachelors degree in Business. After some discussion, Dr. Heisler motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Simpson seconded. Motion approved.

4. Proposal for Two Additional Standalone Courses as Prerequisites for Admission to the MBA, MSM, or MSHRM Degree Programs (BUS 5004-Fundamental of Business Law and BUS 5008-Fundamentals of Quantitative Methods)
Dr. Merkel presented the SCOB's proposal to be effective immediately. This proposal would allow students to take two 1.5 semester hour classes as a prerequisite for admission to the MBA, MSM, or MSHRM degree program. These classes are prerequisites if a student does not have a Bachelors degree in Business. Dr. Green motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Allard seconded. Motion approved.
5. Proposal to Revise MBA Core Course Prefixes and Revise Selected MBA Concentration Course Prefixes
Dr. Merkel presented the SCOB's proposal to be effective Fall 2010. This proposal would change the prefixes for some MBA Core Courses and revise selected MBA Concentration courses. Dr. Allard motioned to approve proposal. Dr. Rinehart seconded. Motion approved.
6. Proposal for Rewording Reference to the Information Systems Prerequisite Course Required to Enter the MBA, MSHRM, and MSM Degree Programs
Dr. Merkel presented the SCOB's proposal to be effective Fall 2010. Dr. Heisler motioned to approve proposal. Dr. Simpson seconded. Motion approved.
7. Proposal to Revise MBA Electives
Dr. Merkel presented the SCOB's proposal to be effective Fall 2010. The current list of electives makes 46 electives available. The SCOB has reviewed the list of electives and recommended the course electives be reduced to 29. Dr. Rosell motioned to approved proposal. Dr. Allen seconded. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Council is January 21, 2010 in the General Academics Building, Room 330.