

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
(Web Version)
January 21, 2010

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		X
Frank Browning (vtel)	X		Jim Rinehart	X	
Andrew Creamer	X		Ellen Rosell	X	
Mark Gaddis (vtel)	X		Robert Saunders (telephone)	X	
Fred Green	X		Jim Simpson (vtel)	X	
William Heisler (telephone)	X		Dr. Dianne Barron, ex officio	X	
Lorraine Magrath	X		Dr. Edith Smith, ex officio	X	

GUESTS: Dr. Charles Krupnick, Dr. Ed Merkel, Dr. Curt Porter, Dr. Kaye Sheridan

I. Call to Order

Dr. Fretwell called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Green moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Meine seconded. The motion was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2009

Dr. Heisler asked for clarification of the two additional 1.5 credit hour classes which were approved for the Sorrell College of Business. Dr. Meine motioned to approve the minutes with the clarification that the word “additional,” as well as to have the two course names added to the minutes. Dr. Green seconded. The motion was approved.

IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Barron reported that due to the Active Admissions process being implemented, there would be changes to the readmission process regarding the required “Admission Application.” This update will be submitted at the February Graduate Council meeting. Changes will be coming forward related to the Withdraw Pass or Withdraw Fail and the Drop Pass and Drop Fail process and postings to transcripts at the next Graduate Council meeting. There will be upcoming discussions concerning admission minimums for Graduate Admission. Program Chairs and Program Directors will be getting an email within the next 30 days concerning this issue. Another issue to be addressed in the near future will be to placing the Program Objectives back into the Graduate Catalog. This will probably be processed for publication in the 2011-2012 Graduate Catalog. She also reported that the Graduate Catalog was coming along. She reported that Dr. Roach would be sending out a letter to the Deans asking that they start holding elections and appoint members to fill seats on the new Research Council. She also reminded everyone that the ABSOLUTE DEADLINE for Graduate Catalog is February.

V. Business ItemsCollege of Arts and Sciences

1. Student #1—Extension of eight-year waiver

Dr. Krupnick presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised the council that the College of Arts and Sciences has recommended approval with the completion date of May 31, 2010. Following a very short discussion, Dr. Green motioned to approve the request. Dr. Rinehart seconded. Motion approved.

College of Education

1. Student #2 – Extension of eight-year waiver

Dr. Creamer presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised the council that the College of Education has recommended approval with the completion date of December 31, 2010. Following a very short discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the request. Dr. Rinehart seconded. Motion approved.

Sorrell College of Business

1. Student #3 – Extension of eight-year waiver

Dr. Merkel presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised the council that the Sorrell College of Business has recommended this request be approved with a completion date of August 1, 2010. After some discussion, Dr. Magrath motioned to approve the request. Dr. Gaddis seconded the motion. The vote was three votes to approve, eight votes to deny, and three abstentions. Motion denied.

2. Student #4– Extension of the eight-year waiver

Dr. Merkel presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised the council that the Sorrell College of Business has recommended this request be approved with a completion date of December 31, 2010. After some discussion, Dr. Meine motioned that the request be tabled until the student demonstrates the ability to make the required grades in order to complete his program. Dr. Creamer seconded the motion. Motion carried to table the request.

3. Student #5 – Extension of the eight-year waiver

Dr. Merkel presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised the council that the Sorrell College of Business has recommended this request be approved with a completion date of May 31, 2010. After a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the request. Dr. Magrath seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

4. Student #6 – Extension of the eight-year waiver

Dr. Merkel presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised the council that the Sorrell College of Business has recommended this request be approved with a completion date of December 31, 2009. Dr. Green motioned to deny the request. Dr. Meine seconded the motion. Motion approved to deny the request.

5. Student #7 – Extension of the eight-year waiver
Dr. Fretwell presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. She advised the council that the Sorrell College of Business has recommended this request be denied, as the request is too early. Dr. Meine motioned to uphold the recommendation of the SCOB to deny the request. Dr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Motion approved to deny the request.

6. Proposal to remove BUS 5502 Fundamentals of Accounting and Finance as a substitute for ACT 2291 Principles of Accounting I and ACT 2292 Principles of Accounting II for MBA-Accounting Option majors.
Dr. Magrath presented the SCOB's proposal to remove BUS 5502 Fundamentals of Accounting and Finance as a substitute for ACT 2291 Principles of Accounting I and ACT 2292 Principles of Accounting II for MBA-Accounting Option majors. Dr. Rinehart motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Green seconded the motion. Motion approved.

7. Proposal for the addition of ENG 1102 Composition and Modern English II to prerequisite requirements for MBA-Accounting Option majors.
Dr. Magrath presented the SCOB's proposal for the addition of ENG 1102 Composition and Modern English II as a prerequisite for MBA-Accounting Option majors. Dr. Sheridan explained the SCOB's request to have a statement in the Graduate Catalog which states, "In addition, accounting option students may be required to complete with a grade of "C" or better at an ACBSP or AACSB accredited university the following courses: LAW 2221 Legal Environment of Business and ENG 1102 Composition and Modern English II". This request would allow the SCOB to waive the requirement of these classes under extenuating circumstances. After a brief discussion, Dr. Magrath motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Browning seconded. There were three opposing votes. Motion carried to approve the proposal.

8. Proposal for the addition of LAW 2221 Legal Environment of Business to prerequisite requirements for MBA-Accounting Option majors.
Dr. Magrath presented the SCOB's proposal for the addition of LAW 2221 Legal Environment of Business as a prerequisite for MBA-Accounting Option majors. After a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Green seconded. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Council is February 18, 2010 in the General Academics Building, Room 330.