

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
(Web Version)
August 16, 2012

MEMBERS:

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Cherie Fretwell, Chair	X		Fred Meine (vtel)	X	
Carolyn Russell	X		Diane Orlofsky	X	
Lynn Boyd (phone)	X		William Heisler	X	
Andrew Creamer	X		Patsy Riley	X	
Dianne Eppler (vtel)	X		Robert Saunders (phone)	X	
Diane Bandow	X		Rolf Holtz	X	
Maureen Hannay (phone)	X		Isabelle Warren	X	
Charles Krupnick	X		Murray Widener (vtel)	X	
Christina Martin	X		Dr. Dianne Barron, ex officio		X*
Irem Ozkarahan	X		Dr. Janet McNellis, ex officio	X	

X*--absent with notice

GUESTS: Dr. Ed Merkel

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Warren moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Martin seconded. The motion was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes (to include the Web Version) of June 21, 2012

Dr. Meine motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Eppler seconded. The motion was approved.

IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

1. Dr. McNellis introduced and welcomed the five new members serving on the Graduate Academic Council: Dr. Irem Ozkarahan, Dr. Carolyn Russell, Dr. Rolf Holtz, Dr. Diane Bandow, and Dr. William Heisler.
2. A new Chair was elected. Dr. McNellis opened the floor to nominations. Dr. Cheri Fretwell was nominated by Dr. Meine. Dr. Warren seconded. No other nominations were made. Dr. Fretwell left the room and a vote was taken. The vote was unanimous in favor of Dr. Fretwell continuing as Chair for one more year.

V. Business Items

College of Arts and Sciences

1. Student #1 – Extension of eight-year waiver
 Dr. Charles Krupnick presented the students' request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the College of Arts and Science's academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension with the stipulations that she complete the curriculum by October 31, 2012. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Warren motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Meine seconded. The motion was approved.

2. Student #2 – Extension of eight-year waiver
Dr. Charles Krupnick presented the students' request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the College of Arts and Science's academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension with the stipulations that she complete the curriculum by the end of Term 4, 2013. Dr. Martin motioned to approve the motion. Dr. Riley seconded. The motion was approved.
3. Addition of BIO/EBS 5579/L579: *Environmental Assessment* and *Environmental Assessment Lab*

The course description: BIO/EBS 5579: Environmental Assessment

An examination of theory and practices required in conducting an environmental impact assessment. Sustainable management of natural resources and a systems approach to environmental problem solving will be emphasized. Topics covering site assessment, risk management, decision strategy analysis, and environmental and ecological inventory will be discussed. An environmental impact assessment will be completed. *Prerequisites: BIO 1101, L101; BIO 2202, L202 or BIO 2229, L220. Corequisite: BIO L579.*

The course description: BIO/EBS L579: Environmental Assessment Lab

Laboratory and field activities, quantitative and interpretive analysis exercises, and student led discussions will be utilized to develop the background and skills needed to conduct an environmental impact assessment. Students will complete a group environmental impact assessment. *Prerequisites: BIO 1101, L101; BIO 2202, L202 or BIO 2229, L229. Corequisite: BIO L479/L579.*

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Martin motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Warren seconded. The motion was approved.

Sorrell College of Business

4. Student #3 – Extension of eight-year waiver
Dr. Ed Merkel presented the students' 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 recommended approval of the extension with the stipulations that she complete the curriculum by the end of the Spring 2013 semester. Dr. Warren motioned to approve the motion. Dr. Orlofsky seconded. The motion was approved.
5. Addition of two new BUS courses: *Survey of Business Concepts I*, and *Survey of Business Concepts II*

The course description: BUS 5501: Survey of Business Concepts I

Survey of Business Concepts I provides a survey of key concepts in Management, Marketing, Management Information Systems, and Law that provides a foundation for further study in the MSM or MSHRM courses. Course will not transfer to any other programs. Students must earn a grade of "B" or better in the course.

The course description: BUS 5502: Survey of Business Concepts II

Survey of Business Concepts II provides a study of key concepts in Accounting, Finance, Quantitative Management, and Economics that provides a foundation for further study in the MSM or MSHRM courses. Course will not transfer to any other programs. Students must earn a grade of “B” or better in the course.

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Heisler motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Eppler seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Education

6. Student #4 – Extension of eight-year waiver
Dr. Andy Creamer presented the students’ request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the College of Education’s academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension with the stipulations that she complete the curriculum by Term 2, 2012. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Russell motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Riley seconded. The motion was approved.
7. Student #5 – Extension of eight-year waiver
Dr. Andy Creamer presented the students’ request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the College of Education’s academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension with the stipulations that she complete the curriculum by Fall 2013. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Russell motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Warren seconded. The motion was approved.
8. Student #6 – Extension of eight-year waiver
Dr. Andy Creamer presented the students’ request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that after the College of Education’s academic review committee had reviewed the request and denied approval of the extension the student contacted Dr. Suzanne Tew-Washburn and indicated that she wanted to change her program to a shorter one. Dr. Creamer stated that Dr. Tew-Washburn is going to work with the student in developing a new degree plan and will submit a new extension request to the College of Education’s academic review committee. Dr. Boyd motioned to table the proposal. Dr. Orlofsky seconded. The motion was tabled.
9. Student #7 – Extension of eight-year waiver
Dr. Andy Creamer presented the students’ request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the College of Education’s academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension with the stipulations that she complete the curriculum by Fall 2012. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Krupnick motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Russell seconded. The motion was approved.
10. Student #8 – Extension of eight-year waiver

Dr. Andy Creamer presented the students' request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the College of Education's academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension with the stipulations that she complete the curriculum by Spring 2013. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Creamer motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Warren seconded. The motion was approved.

11. Removal of Substance Abuse Program from Dothan Campus

Dr. Andy Creamer stated that the Substance Abuse program has not had any new enrollments at the Dothan campus for some time. Additionally, faculty coverage has been limited. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Russell motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Warren seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Health and Human Services

12. Student #9 – Petition for Graduate Admission from a non-accredited University – Bournemouth University, UK

Dr. Patsy Riley stated that presented the students' request for graduate admission from a non-accredited University, Bournemouth University, UK with an equivalent baccalaureate degree in Nursing. She advised that the School of Nursing's academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Orlofsky motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Meine seconded. The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Council is September 20, 2012 in the Conference room of Patterson Hall at 1:30 p.m.