GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
WEB VERSION
February 20, 2014

MEMBERS:

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Christina Martin (Chair)	**X**		**Diane Orlofsky**	**X****	
Diane Bandow (Vtel)	**X**		**Irem Ozkarahan (telephone)**	**X**	
Dianne Eppler (telephone)	**X**		**Patsy Riley (vtel)**	**X**	
Joy Hadwiger (telephone)	**X**		**Kristie Roberts-Lewis (telephone)**	**X**	
Maureen Hannay (telephone)	**X**		**Dionne Rosser-Mims (vtel)**	**X**	
Jonathan Harrington	**X**		**Carolyn Russell (vtel)**	**X**	
William Heisler (telephone)	**X**		**Mary Anne Templeton**	**X****	
Rolf Holtz	**X****		**Isabelle Warren**		**X***
Maria Kroneneburg (telephone)	**X**				
Fred Meine	**X**		**Dr. Dianne Barron, ex officio**	**X**	

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

Dr. Rhonda Bowron**, Dr. Jan Oliver**, Ms. Janet Gaston, Dr. Bill Zhong, Dr. Bob Wheatley and Dr. Glenn Cohen

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Bowron moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Oliver seconded. The motion was approved.

III. Approval of the January 23, 2014 Minutes (to include the Web Version).

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

IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

Members were asked to remind their colleges to begin preparation for the Research Showcase that is to be held beginning the first two weeks in April. The Graduate Academic Council webpage has been updated to include the most current Academic program actions form (New IRPE routing forms) and the Catalog change form. If a program has changes to make or a new program to be brought forward, please consult this webpage for the appropriate forms.

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 Science

1. Student #1 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MSIR)

Master of Science in International Relations student requesting an extension and has a (3.07 GPA). Dr. Harrington 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 recommended approval of the extension until March 31, 2015. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved.

It was noted that the student would have to retake IR 6620 International Policy Economy and IR 5551 Survey of International Relations including successful completion of the comprehensive examination by the approved extension time.

2. **M.A. in History & Master of Science in Social Science to TROY Honors Graduate Admission Program**

   Ms. Gaston presented a request for the addition of the M.A. in History and the Master of Social Science to the TROY Honors program. Both programs will accept students from all baccalaureate degree programs. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Oliver seconded. The motion was approved.

3. **M.S. EBS Curriculum changes**

   a. Ms. Gaston presented a request to update the Biological and Environmental Sciences curriculum. The graduate catalog changes include the acceptance of MCAT, PCAT, OAT for admission test purposes. Specific score requirements were not identified, however, estimated equivalents to the Graduate School requirements were recommended.

   b. The M.S. BMS program non-thesis option should be a 37 hour program. Students may now select 12 semester hours of electives instead of 15-19 hours of electives.

   c. It was requested to change the course prefix of Medical Pharmacology from "BIO 6630" to "BMS 6630".

   d. It was requested to add PA 6675 Public Health Services Administration and Policy and PA 6676 Legal and Social Issues in Public Health Administration as electives. It was stated that the Public Administration faculty were aware of this addition by biological sciences.

   e. The Graduate Certificate in Biomedical Sciences requested to add 1sh to the certificate requirement as a result of the addition of 1sh of additional credit being added to a required course. The current certificate requires 22 semester hours of coursework. One semester hour was added to BMS 6640 Anatomical Sciences course from 7sh to 8sh course. The certificate will now require 23sh of course work.

   f. BIO 6630 Pollution Science was removed as a core requirement and replaced with BIO 6624 Public Health for Biological Sciences concentration.

   g. Environmental Policy concentration removed BIO 6630 Pollution Science as a core requirement and EBS 6624 Public Health as an elective for the non-thesis option and added BIO 6624 Public Health as a core requirement.

   h. BIO 6630 Pollution Science was removed as a core requirement and added EBS 6624 Public Health for the Environmental Sciences concentration.

   i. It was requested to change the course prefix for Environmental and Biological Ethics from "BIO 6601" to "EBS 6601" in the Environmental Science concentration.

   j. It was requested to add BIO 5550 Environmental History to the Environmental Science concentration.

   k. It was requested to deactivate BIO 6606 Economic Botany, BIO L606 Economic Botany Lab and BMS 6610 Healthcare Policies, Rules, and Regulation as elective courses for the MS EBS program.

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the complete list of recommendations. Dr. Meine seconded. The motion was approved.

4. Master of Science in Computer Science Curriculum Changes

a. Dr. Bill Zhong presented a request to update the Computer Science curriculum. Dr. Zhong indicated that the changes will strengthen the curriculum and keep the curriculum current with of the quickly changing field. Computer Network and Security, Artificial Intelligence and Software Development are three new concentrations that are being added.

b. Each new concentration will feature a thesis option which will require 9 semester hours of core courses, 12 semester hours of electives and 12 semester hours of required courses for a total of 33 semester hours. The non-thesis option will require 9 semester hours of core course, 15 semester hours of electives and 9 semester hours of required courses for a total of 33 semester hours.

c. Current students must take or have taken CS 2250 Computer Science I and CS 2255 Computer Science II as foundation courses. In addition to the previous foundation courses, students must now also take CS 3360 Concepts of Object Oriented Programming I and CS 3332 Software Engineering as foundation courses.

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

a. The following new courses were requested to be added as a part of the new concentration requests in 4.A. above: CS 6XXX Applied System Analysis and Design, CS 6XXX Machine Learning, CS 6XXX network and information Security, CS 6XXX Advanced Software Engineering, CS 6XXX Advanced Artificial Intelligence, CS 6XXX Advanced Computer Network and CS 6XXX Distributed Algorithms. The following courses were asked to be deactivated: CS 5543 Software Engineering, CS 5547 Systems and Information system, CS 6641 Society and Information, CS 6650 Distributed Systems Principles, CS 6652 XML Technology Principles, CS 6653 Topics in Software Security and Reliability, CS 6654 Topics in Software Engineering, CS 6655 Digital Logic Design Principles and Practice with Emphasis on Testable Semicustom Circuits, CS 6656 Design and Testing of Reliable Digital, and CS 6662 Special Topics in Game Design.

b. It was also requested to change CS 6648 course title from “Optimization Modeling” to “Operations Research” and the course title for CS 6640 from “Advanced Database Concepts” to “Data Base Management Concepts”.

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

5. Student #2– Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MSHRM)

Master of Science in Human Resource Management student requesting an extension and has a (2.33 GPA). 21 sh of the 36sh had expired and were ten years old. 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 recommended denial. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

6. MBA Curriculum Revisions

a. Dr. Wheatley presented a request to update the MBA and MBAi degree programs as a part of the curriculum alignment for AACSB accreditation candidacy. The SCOB faculty has requested to have a common core curriculum. In order to facilitate this change, the current MBA General Management program and the MBAi International Business program core curricula are to be combined in order to form a common core.

b. It was requested that the course prefixes are to be changed to the appropriate discipline prefixes to provide consistency.

c. It was requested that MBAi 6663 Emerging Markets in a Global Economy and MBAi 6694 Field Research/International Immersion be replaced with MGT 6615 Ethical Leadership and Management in a Global Economy and BUS 66XX Capstone Experience in the new common core.

d. The MBA General Management program with the elective option would be retained and the common core would complete the program requirements.

e. The previous MBA International program or international focus of study would now be made available through one of the MBA International Business concentrations: International Management, International Information Systems and International Finance (The International Finance concentration was previously named International Accounting and Finance).

f. The courses for the International Finance concentration were requested by be ACT 6632 Corporate Financial Reporting, FIN 6657 Corporate Risk Management and FIN 6632 Investments.

g. The International Management concentration would like to remove MGT 6615 Ethical Leadership and Management in a Global Economy from this concentration since it is now a part of the core and replace it with HRM 6603 Human Resource Management in the concentration.

h. It was requested to change the title of the Executive Master of Business Administration to Master of Business Administration – Executive.

i. It was requested to eliminate the old EMBA Accounting and Criminal Justice concentrations.

j. It was requested to eliminate the EMBA 5501 Survey of Business Concepts course.

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

7. Certificate of Taxation and Deactivation of the Master of Taxation Program

a. Dr. Wheatley presented a request to deactivate the Master of Taxation program and to remove this program from the *2014-2015 Graduate Catalog*. The SCOB would like to retain the option with ACHE to reactivate the program without having to get a "new" program approved within the allowed five year period from the deactivation date.

b. Troy will retain the Certificate of Taxation.

c. The admission requirements for the Certificate of Taxation will now align with the Master of Accountancy program.

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

d. Dr. Wheatley presented a request to update the Certificate of Taxation admission requirements. Students who would like to pursue the certificate must be admitted to the Master of Accountancy program. Students must complete the required 15 semester hours of coursework and have an overall 3.0 GPA or better.

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bandow seconded. The motion was approved.

8. MSM and MSHRM Admission Changes and Modifications

a. Dr. Wheatley presented a request to update the MSHRM program admission requirements as a part of the curriculum realignment for AACSB accreditation candidacy. The statement "Applicants with a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 scale), or a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 scale) or better for the last 30 semester hours of undergraduate coursework completed are not required to submit GMAT or GRE scores for admissions consideration. Formal notification of this waiver will be given to the student after review of the official transcripts" was added under unconditional admission.

b. It was requested that students must now take the foundation course BUS 6600 Survey of Business Concepts in their first semester if they do not hold an undergraduate business degree or have not earned an undergraduate business degree from a regionally accredited business school within eight years of enrolling in the MSHRM program.

c. It was requested that the MSHRM program replace the multiple choices for the 3sh elective requirement with only HRM 6645 International Human Resource Management.

d. The MSM degree requested updates be made to the admission requirements. The statement "Applicants with a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 scale), or a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 scale) or better for the last 30 semester hours of undergraduate coursework completed are not required to submit GMAT or GRE scores for admissions consideration. Formal notification of this waiver will be given to the student after review of the official transcripts" was added under unconditional admission.

e. It was requested that all students in the MSM program take the prerequisite course BUS 6600 Survey of Business Concepts during their first semester.

f. It was requested that the appropriate students in the MSM program take MGT 6615 Ethical Leadership & Management in a Global Economy as an addition to the required core courses if they do not hold a baccalaureate degree in business.

g. It was requested that the MSM program replace MSM 6615 Leadership and HRM Practice with HRM 6603 Human Resource Management.

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

9. Certificate of Taxation Admission Changes and Modifications (Item submitted late and has been reported under item 7 d. above.

10. Graduate Certificate of Health Practice Management Revisions

a. Dr. Wheatley presented a request to update the Graduate Certificate of Health Practice Management. BUS 6600 Survey of Business Concepts was added as a required course.

b. A total of 12 semester hours and a 3.0 GPA or better is required for the certificate.

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

Information Items:

11. MSW –SACSOCO Letter of Notification

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 20, 2014 in the Conference room of Patterson Hall (room 330) at 1:30 p.m.