

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
WEB VERSION
March 21, 2013

MEMBERS:

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

X*--absent with notice

GUESTS: Dr. Glenn Cohen, Dr. Ed Merkel, Ms. Janet Gaston, Ms. Wendy Broyles

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes (to include the Web Version) of February 21, 2013.

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

IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

- Dr. Barron presented a proposal for the 2013-2014 Graduate Academic Council calendar. She asked everyone to please look over these dates and to let her know any concerns or conflicts. The calendar will be voted on at the April meeting.
- Several Graduate Academic Council members have terms that expire at the end of this year. Some of the current members are eligible for re-election. All members up for re-election will need to submit their information to the Faculty Senate if they wish to be considered for a second term.
- Student Admissions with Brenda Campbell's assistance hosted a Graduate School Recruitment Fair on February 26th on the Troy Campus. The fair had a good turnout of faculty and 25-30 serious students attended. The \$50.00 application fee was waived for all students who applied for graduate school during the fair. A Career Fair is scheduled for April 4th and there will be a Graduate School table to recruit students.
- The Student Research and Creative Works Showcase is April 8-12. Each college identifies how they would like to showcase student research. Awards for the top three undergraduate and graduate submissions for each College will be presented during April.
- Graduate Catalog proofs will go out on Monday March 25, 2013. The proofs will only go out once. Please be sure to check everything, including Degree Plans, for accuracy especially if modifications were made. Verify course descriptions and titles if changes have been made. The General Regulations section will also be distributed to Deans, Department Chairs, and Program Directors for each college. All recommended changes must be initialed by the recommender and the Dean of the college prior to submission to the Graduate School.

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 requests an extension (3.83GPA). Dr. Barron 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 considered the request and recommended approval of the extension until March 31, 2014. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Heisler motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Creamer seconded. The motion was approved.

2. Changes to Biology and Environmental Science courses

Dr. Gaston presented a request to update and add new courses to the catalog to reflect changes in the Biological and Environmental Science program. Prerequisite and course descriptions changes are to be made BIO 5514 and BIO L514. Deactivation of BIO 5502, BIO 5510, BIO L510, MB 5506, MB 5521 and MB 5526 courses was requested. Requested to delete the prerequisite listing for MB 5502, MB 5503, MB 5504 and MB 5523 courses. Additional courses to be added to the catalog include MB 5510, MB 5519, MB 5528, MB 5532, MB 5538 and MB 5560. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Martin motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Eppler seconded. The motion was approved.

3. Changes to MS Biomedical Sciences degree program and Certificate

The Graduate Academic Council approved the MS in Biomedical Sciences degree program and Certificate program at the November meeting. Recently Troy faculty met with Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine faculty and administrators to discuss the program. Several suggestions for modifications were made. The program will include BIO 5592, BIO 5594, BIO 6625, BIO 6626, BIO 6670, BIO 6671, PA 6678 and PA 6677 as electives. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Boyd seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Business**4. Student #2 – Extension of eight-year waiver**

MSHRM student requests an extension (3.88 GPA). Dr. Merkel 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 considered the request and recommended approval of the extension until May 31, 2014. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Heisler motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Eppler seconded. The motion was approved.

It was noted that the student would be under the 2012-2013 Graduate Catalog and MSHRM degree program.

College of Communication and Fine Arts**5. Deletion of English Courses**

Dr. Orlofsky presented a request to deactivate ENG 5570: Advanced Survey of Speech, ENG 5571: Advanced Survey of Journalism, ENG 5572: Advanced Survey of Drama, ENG 6617: Dramaturgy I and ENG 6618: Dramaturgy II. These courses are outdated and did not reflect the English department's mission. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Orlofsky motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Martin seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Education**6. Student #3 - Extension of Eight-Year Requirement**

Ed.S in Early Childhood Education student requests an extension of the eight-year waiver (3.9 GPA). Dr. Creamer presented the student's request. He advised that the College of Education's Academic Review Committee had considered the request and recommended approval of the extension until December 31, 2013. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Martin motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Creamer seconded. The motion was approved.

7. Student #4 - Extension of Eight-Year Requirement

Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology student requests an extension of the eight-year waiver (3.1GPA). Dr. Creamer presented the student's request. He advised that the College of Education Academic Review Committee had considered the request and recommended denial of the extension. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Boyd seconded. The motion was approved.

Graduate School**8. TROY Honors Graduate Admission Policy**

Dr. Barron presented a proposal to give preference to Troy honor graduate's through the TROY Honors Graduate Admission Policy. Students holding a baccalaureate degree from TROY University, in specific areas, who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or above, may be "unconditionally" admitted to a related graduate program. Not all graduate programs participate in TROY Honors Graduate Admission. Students admitted as a TROY Honors Graduate must complete an Application for Admission and pay the application fee. All admission exams, letters of recommendation and other admission requirements are waived. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Orlofsky motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Martin seconded. The motion was approved.

9. Dual Enrollment- Final Semester for Graduating Seniors Only(Modification)

Dr. Barron presented an addition to the dual enrollment for graduating seniors policy. The statement, "See TROY Honors Graduate Admission requirements for applicability as a result of the addition of the Troy Honors Graduate Admission Policy." will be added to the end of the policy. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Creamer motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Meine seconded. The motion was approved.

Information Items:

10. MS BMS – SACS Letter of Intent

11. MA History – SACS Letter of Intent

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2013 in the Conference room of Patterson Hall at 1:30 p.m.