

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES  
WEB VERSION  
February 21, 2013**

**MEMBERS:**

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

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

GUESTS: Dr. Merkel, Dr. Bob Wheatley, Dr. MaryAnn Templeton, Ms. Abby Peters, Ms. April Parker

**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. Creamer seconded. The motion was approved.

**III. Approval of Minutes (to include the Web Version) of January 17, 2013.**

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

**IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School**

Dr. McNellis discussed the Request for Incomplete form. It will be available online for students to fill out as well as attach any documentation. Once the student has filled the form out it will be automatically sent to their instructor for denial or approval.

**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**

Master of Science in Criminal Justice student requesting an extension (2.9 GPA). Dr. Fretwell 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 reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until December 31, 2013. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Warren seconded. The motion was approved.

**2. Student #2- Extension of Eight-Year Requirement**

Master of Science in International Relations student requesting an extension (3.66 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, 2014. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Harrington motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Riley seconded. The motion was approved.

**3. Student #3- Extension of Eight-Year Requirement**

Master of Science in International Relations student requesting an extension (3.18 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 August 31, 2013. This is the student's second extension request and will be the final extension granted. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Orlofsky seconded. The motion was approved.

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

Master of Science in International Relations student requesting an extension (4.0 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 May 31, 2013. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Heisler motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Eppler seconded. The motion was approved.

**5. Addition of IR Course- Fall 2013**

Dr. Harrington presented a request to add a South Asian World Affairs course. Impossible to cover all of Asia in one course and South Asia is becoming more important in world affairs. Students need additional instruction in this area because they are working in the intelligence community. This course will be included in the Global Studies concentration and Regional Affairs Asia concentration. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Creamer motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Meine seconded. The motion was approved.

**6. MSIR Teachout Dothan Fall 2013**

Dr. Harrington presented a request of removal of MSIR program at the Dothan campus. Enrollment is low in the MSIR program at the campus and will begin teach out immediately. Last onsite classes will be this summer. Faculty is working with students in preparing them for a successful transition online. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Creamer seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Business**7. Student #5- Extension of eight-year waiver**

MSM student requesting an extension (3.28 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 reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until July 31, 2013. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Eppler motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bandow seconded. The motion was approved.

**8. MSM Removal of International Economic Development Concentration- Fall 2013**

Dr. Merkel presented a proposal for removal of the International Economic Development concentration from the MSM. The MSM degree program was revised December 2012. Preliminary feedback from ACHE suggested that International Economic Development may not fit well into a MSM degree program. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Heisler motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Meine seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Education**9. Student #6- Extension of Eight-Year Requirement**

Master of Counseling and Psychology student requesting an extension of the eight-year waiver (4.0 GPA). Dr. Creamer presented the student's request. He advised that the College of Education academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until December 31, 2013. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bandow seconded. The motion was approved.

**10. Modification of MSPSE Inactivation and Teach-Out Fall 2013**

Dr. Creamer presented a request for modification of the MSPSE Inactivation and teach out program. College of Education will be extending the Master of Science in Post-Secondary Education TESOL concentration program indefinitely. The closure of the MSPSE program was approved in the November 2012 graduate council meeting. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Orlofsky seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Health and Human Services**11. Student #7 –Extension of Five-Year Requirement (MSN)**

Master of Nursing student requesting an extension of the five-year waiver (3.0 GPA). Dr. Riley presented the student's request. She advised that the College of Health and Human Services academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until May 31, 2013. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Creamer motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved.

**12. BSN to DNP second option – Fall 2013**

Dr. Riley presented a proposal for a second admissions option for the BSN to DNP degree program. Many applicants to the DNP program have a MSN that is not clinically focused. These applicants are currently required to complete the post master's certificate requirements, then progress on to DNP courses, requiring a minimum of four years full time to complete the program. This second option, a Specialty to DNP, allows students with non-clinical MSN degrees to develop the clinical focus needed to meet DNP competencies and gain needed clinical hours. Full time students could complete the program in three years. No new courses are required.

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

**13. MSN Program Changes – Fall 2013**

Dr. Riley presented a request to update the MSN program by:

- a. Revision of the MSN Program Outcomes to reflect changes in the Master's Essentials by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.
- b. Changing wording for requirements for conditional admissions from "overall undergraduate GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in the nursing major or score of 380 on the MAT or score of 277 on the GRE ( 650 on the old exam ( verbal plus quantitative). GRE or MAT required." It would now read: overall undergraduate GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in the nursing major. Score of 380 on the MAT or score of 277 on the GRE (650 on the old exam (verbal plus quantitative). GRE or MAT required."
- c. Adding "Due to a large applicant pool, everyone who meets minimal criteria may not be admitted."
- d. Deletion of NSG 6659 Adaptation to FNP Role (1sh).

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

**14. MSN Course Description Changes – Fall 2013**

Dr. Riley presented a request to update the Master of Science in Nursing program course descriptions for NSG 6605, NSG 6613, NSG 6616, NSG 6617, NSG 6631, NSG 6635, NSG 6645, NSG 6649, NSG 6667, NSG 6668 and NSG 6696 to reflect changes in the nursing field. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Eppler seconded. The motion was approved.

**Information Items:**

15. Ft. Bragg Closure – SACS Letter of Notification
16. Ft. Bragg Closure – SACS Approval
17. MS ADE Extension – SACS Letter of Notification
18. MS ADE Extension – SACS Letter of Approval
19. MS EAL Closure and teach-out -- SACS Letter of Notification
20. Norfolk Downgrade and teach-out – SACS Letter of Notification
21. Norfolk Downgrade and teach-out – SACS Approval
22. San Antonio Downgrade – SACS Letter of Notification
23. San Antonio Downgrade – SACS Approval

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2013 in the Conference room of Patterson Hall at 1:30 p.m.