

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
(Web Version)
May 17, 2012

MEMBERS:

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Cherie Fretwell, Chair	X		Fred Meine	X	
Rhonda Bowron	X		Diane Orlofsky	X	
Lynn Boyd (phone)	X		Dan Puckett		X
Andrew Creamer (vtel)	X		Patsy Riley		X*
Dianne Eppler (vtel)		X	Robert Saunders (telephone)	X	
Mark Gaddis		X	Jim Simpson	X	
Maureen Hannay		X	Isabelle Warren		X*
Charles Krupnick	X		Murray Widener	X	
Christina Martin	X		Dr. Dianne Barron, ex officio	X	
Dabney McKenzie (vtel)		X*	Dr. Janet McNellis, ex officio	X	

X*--absent with notice

GUESTS: Dr. Ed Merkel, Mr. Robert Allen, Dr. Denise Green, Ms. Darlene Schmurr-Stewart, Dr. Bernita Hamilton (vtel)

I. Call to Order

Dr. Fretwell called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes (to include the Web Version) of April 5, 2012

Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Simpson seconded. The motion was approved.

IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

1. TROY has several items on the June 8, 2012 ACHE meeting agenda. Two new graduate programs and several program modifications will be considered. All are welcome to attend the meeting.
2. The Graduate Catalog will go to press 1 -2 weeks after the June 8 ACHE meeting.
3. Several students have experienced serious Financial Aid issues as a result of taking undergraduate courses after taking or while taking graduate courses. If a graduate program has undergraduate prerequisites, these prerequisites MUST be taken by students receiving Federal Financial aid prior to their taking any graduate courses. Students who take undergraduate courses after they take graduate courses are required to pay back part of their Financial Aid and they may become ineligible for any future financial aid while they have a balance on their accounts. Dr. Barron asked the Council to share this information with their Colleges so that students receive appropriate advisement.
4. Some Graduate Assistants have experienced problems finding classes to register for in the Summer semester. Dr. Barron asked for departments to look at what they offer in the Summer and make sure that they are offering classes that the Graduate Assistants may take.

V. Business ItemsCollege 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. Meine motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Bowron 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 he complete the complete the MPA requirements of the current Graduate Catalog, which includes completing PA 6674: Ethics in Public Administration and PA 6699: Capstone in Public Administration (with a B or better) and completing the curriculum by December 31, 2012. Dr. Meine suggested that the student would be better prepared for PA 6699 if he first retook PA 6610: Foundations of Public Administration. Dr. Krupnick agreed and stated that the completion date should then be moved to March 31, 2013. Dr. Widener motioned to approve the amended motion. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

Sorrell College of Business

3. Creating a new course: BUS 55XX: Fundamental of Business Law (3)

The course will be added as a Foundation course for the MBA, MSM, MSHRM and MTx programs. The course description read:

A survey of the legal environment in which business operates that provides a foundation for further study in the MBA, MSM, MSHRM and MTx curriculum. Students must earn a grade of "B" or better in the course to satisfy the CPC requirement in Business Law.

Dr. Fretwell stated that the CPC requirement was actually in "Legal Environments," and that the course description should therefore be changed. She asked if the title of the course should be changed to better reflect the course description. Dr. Merkel agreed that the course description should be changed and stated that he would bring the question of the title back to the Discipline Coordinating Committee for consideration. Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Krupnick seconded. The motion was approved.

After the meeting Dr. Merkel met with the Discipline Coordinating Committee and they agreed to change the name of the course to "Fundamentals of Legal Environment" (email attached).

College of Education

4. Student #3 – 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 May 31, 2013. Following a brief discussion, Dr.

Orlofsky motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

5. Substance Abuse Counseling - Deletion of Dothan campus as site to offer program

Dr. Andy Creamer stated that this program has not had any enrollments at the Dothan campus since the TROY merger. There are also no faculty left to teach the courses. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

6. MSPSE – Program closure and teach out plan

Dr. Rhonda Bowron presented the plan. Questions arose over international contracts to offer the MSPSE and that students had already been recruited to start in August. Additional concerns arose over no teach-out plans for the TESOL or Music Industry concentrations, nor discussions across concentrations areas regarding the impact of the closure of the program and concentrations. After a lengthy discussion of the many concerns raised by Council members and a guest, Dr. Orlofsky moved to table the proposal. Dr. Meine seconded. The motion was tabled (the vote was unanimous).

College of Health and Human Services

7. Master of Social Work (MSW) - New program proposal.

Dr. Denise Green presented the program. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Martin seconded. The motion was approved.

8. M.S. Sport and Fitness Management – Addition of two courses to Athletic Administration Concentration

9. Dr. Christina Martin presented the proposal. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

10. MSN – Delete Maternal Infant Health Nursing from Clinical Nurse Specialist Track
Dr. Bernita Hamilton presented the proposal. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Martin seconded. The motion was approved.

Graduate School

11. Drop and Withdrawal Policy – For affirmation

Dr. Dianne Barron presented the proposal. Following a brief discussion, the Council voted and the policy was affirmed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Council is June 21, 2012 in the Conference room of Patterson Hall at 1:30 p.m.