

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
February 16, 2017
WEB VERSION

MEMBERS:

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Christina Martin		X*	Steve Grice	X	
Xiaoli Su	X		Richard Voss	X	
Tammy Esteves	X		Diane Bandow	X	
James Todhunter	X		Phillip Mixon	X	
Carrie Miller	X		Dan Sutter*	X	
Bill Zhong	X		Denise Cleveland		X*
Tonya Conner		X*	Amy Spurlock**		X*
Dianne Lawton	X		Jeff Spurlock		X*
Carolyn Russel	X				
Riad Aisami		X	Dr. Mary Anne Templeton, ex officio	X	
Lynn Boyd	X		Dr. Robin Bynum, ex officio	X	

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

Patsy Riley** – College of Health and Human Services, Win Koo – College of Health and Human Services, Wendy Broyles – Institutional Research, Planning, and Effectiveness, Donna Bragg – Academic Evaluation Center, Annette Allen – College of Arts and Sciences, Larry Fogelberg – Sorrell College of Business, Robert Wheatley – Sorrell College of Business, Hank Dasinger – College of Education, Jeff Rush – College of Arts and Sciences, Ruth Busby – College of Education, and Jerri Carroll – Phenix City Registrar’s Office

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Dan Sutter motioned to approve the agenda. Dr. James Todhunter seconded. The motion was approved.

III. Approval of the January 19, 2017 meeting minutes (to include the Web Version).

Dr. Carrie Miller motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Dianne Lawton seconded. The motion was approved.

IV. Report from the Graduate School

Dr. Bynum addressed the Graduate Academic Council about the Chancellor’s Briefings. The Graduate School presented on February 15th. Dr. Bynum briefed the council on the changes and updates that were addressed at the Chancellor’s Briefing.

V. Business Items

NOTE: Policy changes, curriculum changes, etc. approved by the council are effective the following academic year unless otherwise indicated

College of Health and Human Services**1. Ph.D. in Sport Management Changes**

Dr. Win Koo presented a request from the College of Health and Human Services and the Department of Sport and Fitness Management. The request is to combine statistics requirements and research requirement in the Ph.D. in Sport Management program instead of having two separate sections. It is also designating SFM 8835 as a required course and removing SFM 8825 and SFM 8826 as required courses. The total Research and Statistics Requirements will now be 15 semester hours. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Steve Grice motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Dan Sutter seconded. The motion was approved.

2. Master of Science in Nursing: Nursing Informatics Specialist Track Changes

Dr. Patsy Riley presented a request from the College of Health and Human Services and the School of Nursing. In order to expand the program and increase enrollment, the School of Nursing has decided to change the Nursing Informatics Specialist degree to include leadership courses. The new title of the program will be Healthcare Informatics and Nursing Leadership (HINL). The total semester hours will increase to 37, and the clinical hours will increase to 480. This item is an ACHE issue and will need an Academic Program Action form. The School of Nursing was advised to direct any questions in regards to ACHE or the APA form to Dr. Bynum. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Carrie Miller motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Lynn Boyd seconded. The motion was approved.

3. Master of Science in Nursing Curriculum and Catalog Changes

Dr. Patsy Riley presented a request from the College of Health and Human Services and the School of Nursing. The Master of Science in Nursing requests changes to multiple NSG course titles and descriptions. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Lawton motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Grice seconded. The motion was approved.

4. Master of Science in Nursing: NSG 6605 Title Change

Dr. Patsy Riley presented a request from the College of Health and Human Services and the School of Nursing. Because the School of Nursing has adopted the universal term of "Healthcare" versus alternate spellings, the title of NSG 6605 has changed to "Healthcare Economics." Following a brief discussion, Dr. Todhunter motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Lawton seconded. The motion was approved.

5. Changes to MSN and DNP degree program

Dr. Patsy Riley presented a request from the College of Health and Human Services and the School of Nursing. With the previous three changes, the degree plans for the Master of Science in Nursing and the Doctor of Nursing Practitioner has changed the degree plans. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bill Zhong motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Grice seconded. The motion was approved.

Sorrell College of Business**6. Master of Science in Human Resource Management Catalog Changes**

- a. Dr. Robert Wheatley presented a request from the Sorrell College of Business to change the course identifier of “Legal Environment of Employment Decisions” from 6601 to 6605. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Grice motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Sutter seconded. The motion was approved.
- b. Dr. Wheatley presented a request from the Sorrell College of Business to add to the Business Foundation Prerequisite for the Master of Science in Human Resource Management program. The addition will provide students who are not unconditionally admitted a remediation in basic business concepts and better prepare them for the program. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Boyd motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Todhunter seconded. The motion was approved.
- c. Dr. Wheatley presented a request from the Sorrell College of Business to require that students who qualify for conditional admission be reviewed by the Director of the Master of Science in Human Resource Management program and a committee of no less than three MSHRM faculty members. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Diane Bandow motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Dianne Lawton seconded. The motion was approved.

7. MBA – International Finance Catalog Changes

Dr. Robert Wheatley presented a request from the Sorrell College of Business and the Master of Business Administration: International Finance program. The request was to remove ACT 6632: Corporate Financial Reporting and FIN 6657: Corporate Risk Management from the required MBA: International Finance concentration. In addition, FIN 6633: International Finance and FIN 6634: Derivative Securities to the MBA: International Finance concentration. Dr. Fogelberg included that this change will focus the program more on Finance in contrast to Accounting or Risk Management. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Dan Sutter motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Miller seconded. The motion was approved.

8. Master of Arts in Economics Comprehensive Examination

Dr. Robert Wheatley presented a request from the Sorrell College of Business and the Master of Arts in Economics program. The request was to add a requirement to complete a comprehensive examination for the thesis and non-thesis Master of Arts in Economics programs. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Grice motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Todhunter seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Communication and Fine Arts**9. Graduate Catalog Changes for School of Music**

Dr. Mary Anne Templeton presented a request from the College of Communication and Fine Arts to make changes to the Master of Science in Education: Music Education program. These changes include adjusting to the correct semester hours for courses. In addition, wording changes will be made for MUS 6654 and 6685. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Lawton motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Miller seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Education**10. Student #1 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MCPCMH)**

Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology: Clinical Mental Health student requesting an extension and has a 3.93 GPA. Dr. Lynn Boyd presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. She advised that the College of Education academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommends approval of the extension until Term 2, 2018. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Steve Grice motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Dan Sutter seconded. The motion was approved.

11. Student #2 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MCPCOMM)

Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology: Community Counseling student requesting an extension and has a 3.63 GPA. Dr. Dianne Lawton presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. She advised that the College of Education academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommends approval of the extension until Term 2, 2017. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Xiaoli Su motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Grice seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Arts and Sciences**12. Student #3 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MSSS)**

Master of Science in Social Science student requesting an extension and has a 3.22 GPA. Dr. Annette Allen 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 recommends approval of the extension until Term 5, 2017. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Tammy Esteves motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. James Todhunter seconded. The motion was approved.

13. Change in Prerequisites for CJ 6690 Capstone

Dr. Xiaoli Su presented a request from the College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Criminal Justice. This request required the courses CJ 6620 and CJ 6622 be added into the prerequisite requirements to take CJ 6690 Capstone. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Todhunter motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Miller seconded. The motion was approved.

14. Criminal Justice Changes**a. Change in Course Description for CJ 6650**

Dr. Xiaoli Su presented a request for changes in the CJ 6650 course. The change would remove the requirement of completing 12 semester house before enrolling in the course. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Grice motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Todhunter seconded. The motion was approved.

b. Creating Accelerated BS to MS for Criminal Justice

Dr. Su presented a request from the College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Criminal Justice. The request was to create an Accelerated Bachelor of Science to Master of Science in Criminal Justice program. This accelerated degree program is modeled after the program that is currently in place by the Master of Science in International Relations program. The request is a SACS and ACHE item. The Department must discuss with Dr. Bynum on the next steps to take in order to complete the process and must submit an Academic Program Action form. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Miller motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Todhunter seconded. The motion was approved pending the approval by the Undergraduate Academic Council.

Information Item

15. ACHE letter December 21, 2016

16. ACHE letter January 17, 2017

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 16, 2017 in the Conference room of Patterson Hall (room 330) at 1:30 p.m.