

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
March 16th, 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

Dr. Robert Wheatley – Sorrell College of Business, Jessica Kimbro – Graduate Admissions, Dr. Slobodchikoff – College of Arts and Sciences, Suzanne Tew-Washburn – College of Education, Wendy Broyles – IRPE, Cynthia Hicks – College of Education

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Agenda

Minor changes to the agenda were made, adjusting the College of Arts and Sciences to be presented first, followed by Graduate Admissions, while the rest remained unchanged. Dr. Jeff Spurlock motioned to approve the agenda. Dr. James Todhunter seconded. The motion was approved.

III. Approval of the February 16, 2017 meeting minutes (to include the Web Version).

Dr. Jeff Spurlock motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. James Todhunter seconded. The motion was approved.

IV. Report from the Graduate School

No report was given by Dr. Bynum.

V. Business Items

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

College of Education**1. Admissions Option: Certificate in Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

Suzanne Tew-Washburn presented the request from the College of Education to add an admission option for the certificate in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. This option will allow individuals who are seeking the Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree option to simultaneously seek the Clinical Mental Health Counseling certificate. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Amy Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Dianne Lawton seconded. The motion was approved.

2. Certificate in Rehabilitation and Deaf / Hard- of- Hearing studies

Suzanne Tew- Washburn presented the request from the College of Education to add an admission option for the certificate in Rehabilitation and Deaf/ Hard- of- Hearing studies. The classes for the certificate are already offered which allowed the College of Education the ability to add this option for those who want to take the classes for more than electives. Following a brief discussion, Dr. James Todhunter motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Dan Stutter seconded. The motion was approved.

3. Reactivation of the Graduate Early Childhood Education Program

Cynthia Hicks presented the request from the College of Education to reactivate the Early Childhood Education Program. The Early Childhood Education program is being reactivated as interest in the program has grown, as well as the EDS program. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Dan Stutter motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Jeff Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

4. Approved Electives, Rehabilitation Counseling

Suzanne Tew- Washborn presented the request from the College of Education for approved new electives in the Rehabilitation Counseling program. The College of Education will be adding CP 6682: Leadership and Advocacy: Deaf and Hard-of Hearing Services as well as CP 6685: Case Management. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Amy Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Carrie Miller seconded. The motion was approved.

5. Student #1 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (EDS.SC)

Education Specialist – School Counseling student requesting an extension and has a 3.00 GPA. Dr. Tonya Conner presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Tonya Conner advised that the College of Education academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommends approval of the extension until Term 4, 2018. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Dianne Lawton motioned to approve the recommendation. Dan Stutter seconded. The motion was approved.

6. Student #2 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MCPCM)

Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology: Clinical Mental Health student requesting an extension and has a 3.316 GPA. Dr. Tonya Conner presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Tonya Conner advised that the College of Education academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommends approval of the extension until Term 5, 2017. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Jeff Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. James Todhunter seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Arts and Sciences**7. Changes in the Admission requirements for the MPA program**

Dr. Michael Slobodchikoff presented the request from the College of Arts and Sciences for changes in the admission requirements for the Masters of Public Administration program. These changes are adjustments to the admission procedure to reflect current operational procedure. Following a brief discussion, Dr. James Todhunter motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Dan Stutter seconded. The motion was approved.

8. Student #3 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MPA.JA)

Master of Public Administration – Justice Administration student requesting an extension and has a 3.1667 GPA. Dr. Michael Slobodchikoff presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Michael Slobodchikoff advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and denied the extension. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Amy Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Carrie Miller seconded. The motion was approved.

9. Student #4 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MSIR)

Master of Science in International Relation student requesting an extension and has a 2.0 GPA. Dr. Michael Slobodchikoff presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Michael Slobodchikoff advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and denied the extension. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Dan Stutter motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. James Todhunter seconded. The motion was approved.

10. Student #5 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MSIR)

Master of Science in International Relation student requesting an extension and has a 3.8182 GPA. Dr. Michael Slobodchikoff presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Michael Slobodchikoff advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommends approval of the extension until Term 3, 2018. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Jeff Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Tammy Esteves seconded. The motion was approved.

11. Student #6 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MSIR)

Master of Science in International Relation student requesting an extension and has a 2.66 GPA. Dr. Michael Slobodchikoff presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Michael Slobodchikoff advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommends approval of the extension until Term 4, 2018. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Jeff Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Amy Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Health and Human Services**12. Addition of Nurse Leadership option to BSN-DNP program**

Dr. Amy Spurlock presented the request from the College of Health and Human Services for the addition of Nurse Leadership option to the BSN-DNP program. There currently exists an advanced clinical track available but since there was the addition of the Nursing Informatics Specialist track, this left room for the nursing program to add a second advanced clinical track, Nurse Leadership, for the BSN – DNP program. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Xiaoli Su motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Carrie Miller seconded. The motion was approved.

Admissions**13. Honor Graduate Admission Expansion**

Dr. Jessica Kimbro presented the request from Graduate Admissions for the expansion of Honor Graduate Admissions. This expansion would extend the eligibility of honors admission to all outside universities who are regionally accredited and only apply to those programs which accept honors students. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Jeff Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Dan Stutter seconded. The motion was approved.

Information Item

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 20, 2017 in the Conference room of Patterson Hall (room 330) at 1:30 p.m.