

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
WEB VERSION
April 20th, 2017

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				

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

Robert Wheatley – Sorrell College of Business, Wendy Broyles – IRPE, Judson Edwards – Dean of Sorrell College of Business, Ruth Busby – College of Education, Fred Figliano – Division of Teacher 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 Honor Graduate Admission’s Policy Expansion first, while the rest remained unchanged. Dr. Dan Stutter motioned to approve the agenda. Dr. Amy Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

- III. Approval of the March 16, 2017 meeting minutes (to include the Web Version).**
 Dr. Carrie Miller motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Jeff Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

- IV. Report from the Graduate School**

 Dr. Templeton let everyone know that the Graduate Catalog for the 2017 – 2018 Academic Year will be going to press within the week. She reminded everyone that any changes which have been approved need to ensure they make it in. Those with any questions needed to ensure they’re met in the next couple business days.

- 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. Catalog Changes for Instructional Leadership and Administration Course**

Dr. Tonya Conner presented the request from the College of Education to make catalog changes for the Instructional Leadership and Administration course. The state department requires those taking the Instructional Leadership and Administration course to be in the Instructional Leadership and Administration program. The original wording for the prerequisite for this class did not reflect this necessity. With the addition of this requirement, it will satisfy the condition by the state department. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Dan Stutter motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Amy Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

2. Modification of Diversity Courses to meet ALSDE Requirements

Dr. Tonya Conner presented the request from the College of Education to modify the Diversity courses to meet Alabama State Department of Education requirements. The diversity courses were voted upon and passed in an earlier meeting, however the state department requested that the language within the Graduate Catalog be adjusted. The modifications reflect what is desired by the state department and satisfy their desires. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Dianne Lawton motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Jeff Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

3. Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education Bridge Proposal

Dr. Dianne Lawton presented the request from the College of Education to add the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education Bridge Proposal. The proposal was to allow three undergraduate courses to substitute in for graduate courses for the Occupational Education degree. It was found that this is not possible due to the fact that undergraduate courses cannot be substituted for graduate credits. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Jeff Spurlock motioned to deny the recommendation. Dr. Carrie Miller seconded. The motion was approved.

4. 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 4.0 GPA. Dr. Riad Aisami presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Riad Aisami 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. Amy Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Dan Stutter seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Arts and Sciences**5. Student #2 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MPA.EDU)**

Master of Public Administration – Justice Administration student requesting an extension and has a 3.33 GPA. Dr. Tammy Esteves presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Tammy Esteves 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. Dan Stutter seconded. The motion was approved.

6. Student #3 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MPA.PGMT)

Master of Science in International Relation student requesting an extension and has a 3.25 GPA. Dr. Tammy Esteves presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Tammy Esteves 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. Carrie Miller motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Jeff Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

7. Student #4 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MPA.PGMT)

Master of Science in International Relation student requesting an extension and has a 3.9 GPA. Dr. Tammy Esteves presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Tammy Esteves 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. Amy Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Jeff Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

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

Master of Science in International Relation student requesting an extension and has a 4.0 GPA. Dr. Tammy Esteves presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Tammy Esteves 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. Dan Stutter motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Xiaoli Su seconded. The motion was approved.

Sorrell College of Business**9. Student #6 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MSHRM)**

Master of Science in Human Resource Management student requesting an extension and has a 2.93 GPA. Dr. Robert Wheatley presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Robert Wheatley advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and denied the extension. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Jeff Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Dan Stutter seconded. The motion was approved.

Other**10. Honor Graduate Admission's Policy Expansion**

Dr. Mary Anne Templeton presented the request to expand the Honor Graduate Admission policy. The expanded admission policy would expand the current honor graduate policy to accept international students as well. Many departments were uncertain of this policy as the honor admission waives the requirement of a graduate test such as the GRE, which many programs use to evaluate their students from certain institutions. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Jeff Spurlock motioned to table the recommendation. Dr. Dan Stutter seconded. The motion was approved.

Information Item

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 18, 2017 in the Conference room of Patterson Hall (room 330) at 1:30 p.m.