

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Web Version
February 18, 2016

MEMBERS:

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Christina Martin (Chair)	X		Maria Kroneneburg (telephone)		X*
Diane Bandow (telephone)	X		Riad Aisami (telephone)	X	
Rhonda Bowron		X*	Kristie Roberts-Lewis (telephone)		X
Tonya Connor (telephone)	X		Dionne Rosser-Mims (telephone)	X	
Tammy Esteves (telephone)	X		Lynn Boyd		X*
Steve Grice		X*	Amy Spurlock	X	
Maureen Hannay (telephone)	X		Jeff Spurlock		X*
Jonathan Harrington	X		Dr. Phillip Mixon – Temp MBA	X	
Bill Zhong		X	Dr. Mary Anne Templeton, ex officio	X	
Dr. Xiaoli Su - Temp MSCJ	X		Dr. Dianne Barron, ex officio	X	

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

Jessica Kimbro – Admissions, Dr. Robin Bynum – COE, Janet Gaston – CAS, Dr. Doug Davis – CAS, Dr. Michael Slobodchikoff - CAS, Donna Bragg – Academic Evaluation Center, Dr. Patsy Riley – CHHS, Dr. Robert Wheatley – SCOB, Vickie Edwards - CAS

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was requested to be amended in order to place the Sorrell College of Business last on the agenda. Dr. Amy Spurlock moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Phillip Mixon seconded. The motion was approved.

III. Approval of the January 28, 2016 meeting minutes (to include the Web Version).

Dr. Amy Spurlock motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Jonathan Harrington seconded. The motion was approved.

IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

None.

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 (MPA)

Master of Public Administration student requesting an extension and has a 2.92 GPA. Dr. Vickie Edwards 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 Term 2, 2017. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Harrington motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Tonya Connor seconded. The motion was approved.

2. Student #1 — Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MPA)

Master of Public Administration student requesting an extension and has a 3.22 GPA. Dr. Vickie Edwards presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Edwards advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until Term 2, 2017. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Tammy Esteves motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Mixon seconded. The motion was approved.

3. Accelerated BS to MSIR Admission

Dr. Jonathan Harrington and Dr. Michael Slobodchikoff presented the proposal from the College of Arts and Sciences to have an accelerated Bachelor of Science to Master of Science in International Relations admission. An undergraduate student who is considering a MSIR degree can start taking MSIR classes in their senior year of their BSIR degree. In order to be eligible, the student must be full time at Troy University and must meet the minimum GPA requirements, which are essentially the same as the Honor Graduate Admissions requirements. The Catalog will need a one paragraph change in the Admissions section and general cleanup of language in the MSIR section. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Amy Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Jonathan Harrington seconded. The motion was approved.

4. Catalog Change for MS in Biomedical Sciences

Ms. Janet Gaston presented the proposal from the College of Arts and Sciences to make catalog changes for the Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences program. Essentially, 8 hour of core courses are being removed and Bio Chemistry is now become a core course. In addition, there will be 8 hours of electives, and Neuro Anatomy will begin in the summer as an elective. Two other courses will also be added, and paperwork will be provided in March. The department of Social Sciences agreed to allow two of their courses be taken by BMS students. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Mixon seconded. The motion was approved.

5. Catalog Change for the MS in Environmental and Biological Sciences

Ms. Janet Gaston presented the proposal from the College of Arts and Sciences for changes to the Master of Science in Environmental and Biological Sciences. For the Environmental Policy concentration, the Department of Political Science has agreed to allow EBS students to take IR 6650 – Environmental Security Conflict as a course in their concentration. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Harrington motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Mixon seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Education**6. Student #3 — Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MCPCOMM)**

Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology: Community Counseling student requesting an extension and has a 3.29 GPA. Dr. Dionne Rosser-Mims 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 recommend approval of the extension until December 31, 2016. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Amy Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved.

7. Student #4 — Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MCPCOMM)

Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology: Community Counseling student requesting an extension and has a 3.00 GPA. Dr. Robin Bynum 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 recommend approval of the extension until December 31, 2017. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Rosser-Mims motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Riad Aisami seconded. The motion was approved.

8. Student #5 — Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MCPCOMM)

Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology: Community Counseling student requesting an extension and has a 3.41 GPA. Dr. Rosser-Mims 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 recommend approval of the extension until July 31, 2016. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Hannay motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bandow seconded. The motion was approved.

9. Student #6 — Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MCPRHB)

Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology: Rehab Counseling student requesting an extension and has a 3.41 GPA. Dr. Rosser-Mims 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 recommend approval of the extension until December 31, 2017. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Harrington motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Rosser-Mims seconded. The motion was approved.

10. Student #7 — Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MCPCMH)

Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology: Clinical Mental Health student requesting an extension and has a 3.60 GPA. Dr. Rosser-Mims 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 recommend approval of the extension until June 31, 2017. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Rosser-Mims motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Riad Aisami seconded. The motion was approved.

11. Student #8 — Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MS.PSAE10)

Master of Science in Adult Education student requesting an extension and has a 3.76 GPA. Dr. Rosser-Mims presented the student's request for an extension of the catalog. She advised that the College of Education academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommend approval of the extension until December 31, 2016. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Mixon motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Rosser-Mims seconded. The motion was approved.

12. Student #9 — Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MS.PSFE10)

Master of Science in Post-Secondary Education student requesting an extension and has a 2.63 GPA. Dr. Rosser-Mims 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 recommend approval of the extension until July 31, 2017. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Rosser-Mims motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Tonya Connor seconded. The motion was approved.

13. Changes in Counseling, Rehab, and Interpreter Training

Dr. Robin Bynum presented a proposal from the College of Education. First, 3 course titles and descriptions for Counseling and Psychology are being changed. In addition, some information in the admission policy is being updated to better align with the general Conditional Admissions of the Graduate School. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Maureen Hannay motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Dionne Rosser-Mims seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Health and Human Services

14. Graduate Nursing Course Changes

Dr. Patsy Riley presented a proposal from the College of Health and Human Services. First, course description for NSG 6697 was adjusted. Second, NSG 6655 was selected from the program. Finally, NSG 6660 was increase from 2 semester hours to 3 semester hours. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Amy Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Diane Bandow seconded. The motion was approved.

Sorrell College of Business

15. Student #10 — Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MBA)

Master of Business Administration student requesting an extension and has a 2.91 GPA. Dr. Robert Wheatley 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 recommend approval of the extension until Term 5, 2016. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Maureen Hannay motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Diane Bandow seconded. The motion was approved.

16. Student #11 — Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MSHRM)

Master of Science in Human Resource Management student requesting an extension and has a 3.5 GPA. Dr. Robert Wheatley 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 denied the extension. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bandow motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Amy Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

17. Changes to the MSM Program

Dr. Robert Wheatley presented the request from the Sorrell College of Business. The Master of Science of Management will have 4 changes. First, three courses will be removed from the pre-requisites. Second, 2 courses will be retitled and have new course descriptions. Third, MGT 6615 is the designated resource course. Last, there will be a new concentration – Talent Development and Training. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bandow motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Hannay seconded. The motion was approved.

18. MBA Program Changes

Dr. Robert Wheatley presented the proposal from the Sorrell College of Business. 5 changes will be made to the Master of Business Administration. First, the prerequisites will decrease to four courses from the current seven. Second, two courses are being changed, and concentrations are decreasing from 15 hours to 9 hours. Third, MGT 6615 will be the designated research course. Fourth, MGT 6671: Organizational Behavior is being removed from the curriculum. Finally, the entire MBA program will be re-branded as the Sorrell College of Business Global MBA. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bandow seconded. The motion was approved.

19. MBA Program Electives

Dr. Wheatley submitted a proposal from the Sorrell College of Business to allow course substitutions from the Master of Science in Human Resource Management and the Master of Science in Management program to the Master of Business Administration. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Mixon motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Dionne Rosser-Mims seconded. The motion was approved.

20. Remove MBA-Executive Program

Dr. Wheatley presented the proposal from the Sorrell College of Business to remove the Executive MBA program. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Mixon motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bandow seconded. The motion was approved.

21. MSHRM Program Changes

Dr. Wheatley presented the proposal from the Sorrell College of Business to change the Master of Science in Human Resource Management program. First, MGT 6615 will be the research course. Second, two courses will be retitled. Third, HRM 6603 will be listed as first in the catalog course list and must be taken in the first term or semester. Finally, the internship option will be removed. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Hannay motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bandow seconded. The motion was approved.

22. Master of Accountancy Program Changes

Dr. Wheatley presented the proposal to change the Master of Accountancy program. First, the prerequisite courses will decrease to 4 classes. Second, ACT 6692 should be added to #3 on p. 62-63 in Graduate Catalog. Finally, ACT 6695 will be added to the core courses and electives decrease to 6 semester hours. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Rosser-Mims motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

23. Remove Graduate Certificate of Taxation

Dr. Wheatley proposed that the Graduate Certificate of Taxation be removed. It was noted that this was an ACHE item. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bandow motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Tonya Connor seconded. The motion was approved.

24. Remove Graduate Certificate of Health Practice Management

Dr. Wheatley presented a proposal from the Sorrell College of Business to remove the Graduate Certificate of Health Practice Management from the Graduate Catalog. It was noted that this was an ACHE item. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Mixon motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

25. General Catalog Changes

***This item was tabled until more information could be provided at the next meeting.*

26. Catalog Admission Classification Changes

Dr. Wheatley presented a proposal to the Graduate Academic Council from the Sorrell College of Business to adjust the test score requirements for entrance into SCOB programs. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Tammy Esteves motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bandow seconded. The motion was approved.

Information Items:

- 27. SACSCOC letter – changes at Columbus/Ft. Benning site
- 28. SACSCOC letter – changes at Panama City/Tyndall Air Force Base site

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 17, 2016 in the Conference room of Patterson Hall (room 330) at 1:30 p.m.