

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
August 18, 2016
WEB VERSION

MEMBERS:

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

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

Annette Allen – College of Arts and Sciences, Janet Gaston – College of Arts and Sciences, Michael Slobodchikoff – College of Arts and Sciences, Stephanie Wallace – Graduate School

- I. Call to Order**
 Dr. Christina Martin called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.
- II. Election of Chair**
 Nominations were made for the Chair of the Graduate Academic Council. Dr. Christina Martin was nominated and subsequently re-elected to serve as Chair of the Graduate Academic Council for the Academic Year 2016-2017.
- III. Approval of Agenda**
 Dr. Jeff Spurlock moved to approve the amended agenda. Dr. Steve Grice seconded. The motion was approved.
- IV. Approval of the June 16, 2016 meeting minutes (to include the Web Version).**
 Dr. Steve Grice motioned to approve the amended minutes. Dr. Jeff Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.
- V. Approval of Minutes of the July 11, 2016 Electronic Meeting**
 Dr. Steve Grice motioned to approve the amended minutes. Dr. Jeff Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.
- VI. Report from the Graduate School**
 Dr. Robin Bynum welcomed the council to a new Academic Year to serve on the Graduate Academic Council. Stephanie Wallace made an announcement that there were two open seats with the Graduate Council (MSED and MA in Economics) that will be elected by a special Faculty Senate election by October. Dr. Templeton was also recognized for her new role as Chair-Elect of the Alabama Council of Graduate Deans for the 2016-2017 academic year. She will serve as Chair of the Council in the 2017-2018 Academic Year.

VII. 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 (MS.SS)**

Master of Science in Social Science student requesting an extension and has a 3.75 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 2, 2016. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Jeff Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Tonya Conner seconded. The motion was approved.

2. PME Graduate Credit

Dr. Michael Slobodchikoff presented a recommendation from the College of Arts and Sciences to accept Professional Military Education Graduate Credit in the MSIR program from the Joint Special Operations University in Tampa, Florida. Essentially, a student can take SOS 5350, SOS 5453, SOS 5651, and SOS 5655 from JSOU and transfer them in as IR 6635 and IR 6660 at Troy University. The stipulations for this credit being awarded is that a student must already possess a Bachelor's degree prior to taking the JSOU courses, and they must take all four courses to be transferred into the two courses. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Tammy Esteves motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Steve Grice seconded. The motion was approved.

3. Department of Biology changes

Janet Gaston presented a request from the College of Arts and Sciences to make some necessary changes to the Department of Biology. The changes included adding a thesis option to the Biomedical Science program, removing the availability of some courses from the program, and adding necessary pre-requisite requirements for certain courses. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Jeff Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Steve Grice seconded. The motion was approved.

Information Items:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 15, 2016 in the Conference room of Patterson Hall (room 330) at 1:30 p.m.