

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**(Web Version)**  
**April 5, 2012**

**MEMBERS:**

| Name                       | Present | Absent | Name                           | Present | Absent |
|----------------------------|---------|--------|--------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Cherie Fretwell, Chair     | X       |        | Fred Meine (vtel)              | X       |        |
| Rhonda Bowron              | X       |        | Diane Orlofsky                 | X       |        |
| Lynn Boyd (vtel)           | X       |        | Dan Puckett (vtel)             | X       |        |
| Andrew Creamer (vtel)      | X       |        | Patsy Riley                    | X       |        |
| Dianne Eppler (vtel)       | X       |        | Robert Saunders (telephone)    | X       |        |
| Mark Gaddis                |         | X      | Jim Simpson                    | X       |        |
| Maureen Hannay (telephone) | X       |        | Isabelle Warren                | X       |        |
| Charles Krupnick           | X       |        | Murray Widener                 |         | X*     |
| Christina Martin           | X       |        | Dr. Dianne Barron, ex officio  | X       |        |
| Dabney McKenzie (vtel)     | X       |        | Dr. Janet McNellis, ex officio | X       |        |

X\*--absent with notice

GUESTS: Dr. Ed Merkel, Dr. Janet Gaston, Dr. Lesa Shepard, Tamara Jones, Wendy Broyles, Dr. Diane Weed

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Fretwell called the meeting to order.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Martin moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

**III. Approval of Minutes (to include the Web Version) of February 16, 2012**

Dr. Martin motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Warren seconded. The motion was approved.

**IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School**

Dr. Barron encouraged each college to submit all curriculum change requests two weeks prior to the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting so that they may be included on the May agenda. She stated that due to the number of new programs and significant curricular changes for the 2012-2013 *Graduate Catalog*, the publication of the catalog will be delayed so that the programs awaiting ACHE approval in June may be included. She also reported that this would be Mrs. Beth Sasser's last meeting as she has accepted another position with eTROY. Everyone wished Mrs. Sasser well.

**V. Business Items**

Sorrell College of Business

1. Student #1—Request for Extension of the Eight-year Rule

Dr. Ed Merkel presented the student request for an extension of the eight-year rule. He advised that the Sorrell College of Business's academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension with the stipulations that she complete the curriculum by July 31, 2012. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Krupnick first reported that Dr. Sam Shelton had assumed the duties of the Director of the Master of Public Administration Director.

1. Student #2 – Request for Extension of the Eight-year Rule

Dr. Krupnick presented the student request for an extension of the eight-year rule. He advised that the College of Arts and Science's academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension with the stipulations that he contact Dr. Jeff Lee and discuss the requirements for the comprehensive examination. The student will need to coordinate scheduling the comprehensive examination through Dr. Barbara Echord. The comprehensive examination must be successfully completed by December 31, 2012. After a short discussion, Dr. Riley motioned to approve the request. Dr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

2. Proposal for wording changes in course description for BIO/EBS Thesis Research

Dr. Janet Gaston presented the College of Arts and Sciences proposal for wording changes to BIO/EBS 6695—Thesis Research. Current wording reads as:

“BIO/EBS 6695: Thesis Research (1-6)

Under the guidance of the students' adviser and the chair of the department, the student may pursue original research (independent acquisition and interpretation of data) in a particular area of environmental or biological science. The completion of a thesis is required. The results and conclusions must be successfully defended before the student's graduate committee. Grading system is Pass/Fail.”

The proposed wording changes read as:

“BIO/EBS 6695: Thesis Research (1-6)

Under the guidance of the student's advisor and the chair of the department, the student may pursue original research (independent acquisition and interpretation of data) in a particular area of environmental or biological science. The completion of a thesis is required. The results and conclusions must be successfully defended before the student's graduate committee. Grading system is Pass/Fail. Pre-requisites: 3.0 GPA and permission of chair.”

Following a short discussion, Dr. Krupnick motioned to approve the proposal.

Dr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

3. Proposal to add two History Graduate Courses to the 2012-2013 Graduate Catalog

Dr. Janet Gaston presented the College of Arts and Sciences proposal to add two History Courses to the 2012-2013 *Graduate Catalog*. The proposal would add HIS 55XX: History of Africa and HIS 55XX: History of the Middle East. These courses are aligned with the efforts of the College of Arts and Sciences to create an International concentration in the Master of Science in International Relations program.

The course description for HIS 55XX: History of Africa will read, “Study of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> –century political, social and cultural history of the region, including the partition of Africa by European powers and decolonization.”

The course description for HIS 55XX: History of the Middle East will read, “Examines the region during the rise of Islam, the Ottoman Empire, and in the modern era. The course also addresses political, social, cultural and economic developments since World War II.”

After a brief discussion, Dr. Warren motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Riley seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

4. Proposal to change the title of HIS 5551 from Far East to Modern East Asia.

Dr. Janet Gaston presented the College of Arts and Sciences proposal to change the title of HIS 5551 from Far East to Modern East Asia. She added that this proposal is in alignment with the College of Arts and Sciences request to create a Regional Affairs concentration in the Master of Science in International Relations program.

The proposed change will read as follows:

“HIS 5551: Modern East Asia

Study of the development and interaction of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean civilizations; the impact of Western cultures, twentieth century conflicts, resolutions and accommodations.”

After a short discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Bowron seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

5. Student #3 - Request for Extension of the Eight-year Rule

Dr. Charles Krupnick presented the student’s request for an extension of the eight-year rule. He advised that the College of Arts and Sciences’ academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended that he retake PA 6610 [refresh the material], PA 6674 [ course requirement for current program] and PA 6699 [ course requirement and must have a 3.0 GPA to register for the course], maintain a 3.0 GPA and complete all work toward his degree no later than March 31, 2013. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal with the stipulations.... Dr. Bowron seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

6. Student #4 —Request for Extension of the Eight-year Rule

Dr. Charles Krupnick presented the student request for an extension of the eight-year rule. He advised that the College of Arts and Sciences’ academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval with a completion date of August 31, 2012. After a short discussion, Dr. Martin motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Orlofsky seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

7. Student #5 – Request for Extension of the Eight-year Rule

Dr. Charles Krupnick presented the student’s request for an extension of the eight-year rule. He advised that the College of Arts and Sciences’ academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval with a completion date of December 31, 2012. After a short discussion, Dr. Riley motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Meine seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

8. Proposal for deletion of four Physics courses from the Graduate Catalog  
Dr. Janet Gaston presented the College of Arts and Sciences proposal to delete four Physics courses from the Graduate Catalog. She advised that these courses have been reassigned undergraduate course numbering and will not be taught at the graduate level.

The courses to be deleted are PHY 5510: Modern Physics (3), PHY L510: Modern Physics Laboratory (1), PHY 5559: Optics (3), and PHY L559: Optics Laboratory.

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Krupnick seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

9. Student #6—Extension of the Eight-year Rule  
Dr. Charles Krupnick presented the students request for an extension of the eight-year rule. He advised that the College of Arts and Sciences' academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval with the completion date of May 31, 2012. After a short discussion, Dr. Warren motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowron seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

#### College of Health and Human Services

1. Request to modify the current Post BSN-DNP Clinical Nurse Specialist and Post BSN-DNP Family Nurse Practitioner program from a four-year plan to a three-year plan.  
Dr. Diane Weed presented the College of Health and Human Services proposal to modify the current Post BSN-DNP Clinical Nurse Specialist and Post BSN-DNP Family Nurse Practitioner program from a four-year plan to a three-year plan. She advised that the proposal would modify both programs to a three-year program with eight semesters rather than the current nine semesters. In the new plans, five courses will be omitted. After a brief discussion, Dr. Martin motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Krupnick seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
2. Request for changes to the 2012-2013 *Graduate Catalog* concerning the MSN Program  
Dr. Patsy Riley presented the College of Health and Human Services proposal for changes to the MSN Program.  
The changes would include:
  1. Adding the Dothan campus to the chart showing campus locations for the MSN and DNP Programs.
  2. Insert the deadlines for admission applications for each term in order to allow sufficient time to plan for faculty resources.  
Deadlines are:
    - March 1 for admission to summer courses
    - May 1 for admission to fall courses
    - October 1 for admission to spring courses
  3. Insert the following statement:  
To facilitate success in the program, a student admitted under conditional status should pursue a part-time course of study.

Following a short discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the request. Dr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

3. Request changes to course numbers, semester hours, and course deletions in the MSN Program

Dr. Patsy Riley presented the College of Health and Human Services proposal for changes to course numbers, semester hours, and course deletions in the MSN program. The following changes were requested:

a. Change the following courses to 6000-level courses:

NSG 5504: Nursing Theories

NSG 5512: Advanced Health Assessment

NSG 5513: Advanced Health Assessment Preceptorship

NSG 5515: Advanced Health Assessment Practicum

The Graduate Catalog states “Courses numbered “5500 to 5599” are open only to graduate students and graduating seniors. Seniors must have the approval of the instructor of the course and meet unconditional graduate admission criteria.”

These courses in the graduate nursing program are not open to graduating seniors.

b. Increase semester hours from 2 sh to 3 sh for these electives and change to 6000-level numbers:

NSG 5506: Curriculum Development

NSG 5510: Power, Politics, and Policy Formulation in Nursing

4. Delete the following Electives:

NSG 5507: Issues in Women’s Health

NSG 5520: Foundations of Information and Communications Technologies

After a short discussion, Dr. Warren motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Krupnick seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Council is May 17, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in Patterson Hall, room 330.