

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**(Web Version)**  
**November 17, 2011**

**MEMBERS:**

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Cherie Fretwell, Chair	X		Fred Meine	X	
Rhonda Bowron		X	Diane Orlofsky		X*
Lynn Boyd (Telephone)		X*	Dan Puckett		X
Andrew Creamer (Vtel)		X*	Patsy Riley (Vtel)	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 (Vtel)	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. Steven Padgett, Dr. Jeff Spurlock, Dr. Lesa Shepherd, Wendy Broyles, Tamara Jones, P J Hamm (telephone)

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Fretwell called the meeting to order.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Krupnick moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Meine seconded. The motion was approved.

**III. Approval of Minutes (to include the Web Version) of October 20, 2011**

Dr. Simpson made a correction to the minutes provided. There was a typo recording him both present and absent. Dr. Meine motioned to approve the minutes with the correction. Dr. Krupnick seconded. The motion was approved.

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

Dr. Barron reminded those present about the called December meeting. She advised that there were at least two new program proposals that would be coming forward. She also encouraged each college to have any curriculum changes proposals turned in so that they would make the December agenda. The absolute last date for changes to be made to the 2012-2013 Graduate Catalog is January 2012.

## V. **Business Items**

### College of Arts and Sciences

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

Dr. 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 of the extension with a completion date of May 31, 2012. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Simpson motioned to approve the request. Dr. Martin seconded. The request was approved.

### Sorrell College of Business

#### 1. Proposal for Text changes to 2012-2013 Graduate Catalog

Ed Merkel presented the Sorrell College of Business's proposal for text changes to the 2012-2013 Graduate Catalog to reflect the following:

- A. In order to assure students that all SCOB degrees are ASBSP accredited, the SCOB Graduate Committee recommends that the statement on specialized accreditation found under the MBA degree program on page 43 in the 2011-2012 Graduate catalog under Accreditation and directly above the Business Foundation Requirements for the MBA section also be entered at the same location on page 46 within the EMBA; on page 48 within the MSRHM; on page 51 within the MSM; on page 54 within the MTx; and on page 56 under the Graduate Certificate of Taxation. These entries will then clearly confirm specialized accreditation for all graduate business degrees to students and prospective employers.
- B. To ensure that the scores earned on the GRE for unconditional admission are comparable to that required on the GMAT, currently 500, the SCOB Graduate Committee requests that the GRE score for the verbal and quantitative be raised from the present 900 level to 1050 for all business graduate degrees. The change would be entered as follows: Under Admission Requirements, for the MBA page 44, item 5; and for the MSM page 52 item 5. The GRE is not usable for admission into the MTx or the Graduate Certificate of Taxation programs. These statements would then read: "Official graduate admission exam results: GMAT [500 or above] or GRE [1050 or above on the verbal and quantitative] must be on file (except for applicants with a previous master's or higher degree; see #2 above)."

In addition, under Conditional Admission: for the MBA page 45; for the EMBA page 47; for the MSHRM page 49; for the MSM page 52. The first sentence of this statement would then read: "Students not satisfying at least a score of 500 on the GMAT or at least 1050 on the GRE (verbal and quantitative) and the grade point average requirements for unconditional admission may be conditionally admitted to the program. After the student completes..." After a short discussion

After a short discussion, Dr. Simpson motioned to accept the proposal. Dr. Eppler short discussion, Dr. Simpson motioned to accept the proposal Dr. Eppler seconded the motion. Proposal was approved.

#### 2. Proposal for BUS 55XX: Foundations of Information Systems

Dr. Merkel presented the Sorrell College of Business's proposal to offer BUS 55XX: Foundations of Information Systems. He advised that this course is currently offered at the undergraduate level and is one of the foundation courses. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Eppler seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

## College of Communication and Fine Arts

### 1. Proposal for Master of Science in Strategic Communication

Dr. Steven Padgett and Dr. Jeff Spurlock presented The College of Communication and Fine Arts proposal to offer a Master of Science in Strategic Communication degree. They advised that there was a need for this degree brought forward to the College from Alumni. The Master of Science in Strategic Communication would be offered in an online format. Dr. Spurlock noted some typo's in the proposal. After a short discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal with the noted modifications. Dr. Widener seconded the motion. Motion was approved. College of Health and Human Services

### 1. Proposal for Change to the Admission Requirements for Sport and Fitness Management

Dr. Martin presented the College of Health and Human Services proposal for changes to the Admission Requirements for Sport and Fitness Management degree program. She advised that the proposed changes are as follows: "2. Applicants must achieve a score of 387 or higher on the Miller Analogies Test or a score of 850 (verbal and quantitative) or higher on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or a 291 on the Revised General Test (GRE Revised General Test is effective after August 1, 2011). Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Krupnick seconded the motion. Proposal was approved.

### 2. Proposal for Course Description changes for courses listed under Kinesiology and Health Promotion

Dr. Martin presented the College of Health and Human Services proposal for course description changes for courses listed under the KHP degree program. They should read as follows:

Proposed Change to KHP 6604: Statistical Analysis and Interpretation (3)

This course requires graduate students to utilize statistical fundamentals, analyses, and interpretation of statistics. Statistical information includes, but is not limited to, sampling, hypothesis, testing, regression, frequency distributions, t-test, parametric and nonparametric statistical techniques, multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA), and others using SPSS and other statistical software.

Proposed Change to KHP 6610: Physical Education, Sport and the Law (3) The course is designed to provide students with an in-depth awareness and understanding of legal responsibilities of sport managers, coaches, and administrators. Emphasis will be placed upon critically analyzing the legal theories, structures, statutes, case law, and standards that apply to the sport industry and that impact sport organizations. Substantive legal areas include tort, constitutional, antitrust, intellectual property, agency, contract, and business law.

Proposed Change to KHP 6615: Organizational Behavior & Leadership in Sport (3)

In this course, students will study the basic concepts, theories, and organization of administration including financial management as applied to sport, physical education, and recreation.

After a short discussion, Dr. Simpson motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Meine seconded the motion. Proposal approved.

### 3. Proposal for Course Description changes for courses listed under Sport and Fitness Management

Dr. Martin presented the College of Health and Human Services proposal for course

description changes for courses listed under the SFM degree program. They should read as follows:

Proposed Change to SFM 6600: Foundations of Sport & Fitness Management (3)

This course is designed to introduce graduate students to the field of sport management.

Various topics related to sport management and related fields will be discussed. Students must enroll in this course during their first semester of graduate school.

Proposed Change to SFM 6604: Statistical analysis and Interpretation (3) This course requires graduate students to utilize statistical fundamentals, analyses, and interpretation of statistics. Statistical information includes, but is not limited to, sampling, hypothesis testing, regression, frequency distributions, t-test, parametric and nonparametric statistical techniques, multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA), and others using SPSS and other statistical software.

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Proposed Change to SFM 6615: Organizational Behavior & Leadership in Sport (3)

In this course, students will study the basic concepts, theories, and organization of administration including financial management as applied to sport, physical education, and recreation.

Proposed Change to SFM 6617: Research Methods I (3)

This course allows students to explore literature and current research in sport and fitness management. A grade of "B" or better is required. *Pre-requisites: SFM 6600 and SFM 6604.*

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Simpson motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Meine seconded the motion. Proposal was approved.

4. Proposal to change the title of a concentration from Fitness, Sport and Club Management to Exercise Science

The name change better reflects the curriculum and research being conducted in the Exercise Physiology Lab. It also allows students to specialize in science-based course in which extensive information regarding exercise science is taught.

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Simpson motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Meine seconded the motion. Proposal was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Council is December 15, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in Patterson Hall, room 330.