

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
(WebVersion)
November 20, 2008

MEMBERS:

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Cherie Fretwell, Chair	X		Lorraine Magrath		X
Catherine Allard		X	Dabney McKenzie (vtel)	X	
Geraldine Allen		X	Fred Meine		X
Frank Browning	X		Jan Oliver	X	
Andrew Creamer	X		Emrah Orhun (phone)	X	
Mark Gaddis	X		Jim Rinehart	X	
Fred Green	X		Ellen Rosell	X	
William Heisler (phone)	X		Robert Saunders		X
Kenyon Knapp		X	Dr. Dianne Barron, ex officio	X	

GUESTS: Dr. Patsy Riley, Christopher Waid, Tamara Jones

I. Call to Order

Dr. Fretwell called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Agenda

There was a motion to change the order of presentation of the Sorrell College of Business items to move Item #5 to Item #1. Dr. Gaddis motioned to change the order of presentation of the items. Dr. Rosell seconded the motion. Motion was approved to change the order of presentation of the Business items within the Sorrell College of Business.

III. Approval of Minutes of September 25, 2008 (including web version)

Dr. Heisler moved to approve both the traditional version and the web version of the minutes. Dr. Creamer seconded. The motion was approved.

IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Barron introduced Dr. Edith Smith, who has been selected to fill the newly created position of Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Dr. Smith will be working on the Graduate Catalog, as well as other items of concern within the Graduate School. Dr. Barron then reported that SACS has approved the Level Change Program for Doctorate of Nursing Practice and that it has been placed on the SACS Agenda for December for a vote. She stated that we are still waiting on the SACS Focus Report. This report is a list of items which SACS was not able to confirm compliance. Troy will be required to provide additional information or clarify any points of confusion to SACS by the middle of January, leaving many individuals working diligently through the Christmas break.

Dr. Barron asked that the Graduate council recognize with great appreciation for the service of Dr. Charles Watson who passed away. He was an associate faculty at a Virginia site in Norfolk. He was in Public Administration and taught Research Methods. She also asked that we remember Dr. Geraldine Allen in your thoughts and prayers. She has been a core person in the preparation of the DNP Level change and is currently a council member. Dr. Allen has been ill and is hospitalized in Birmingham.

Dr. Barron stated that the first draft of the Graduate Catalog for 2009-2010 is out. It has been sent to each College in two ways; in a binder and on a CD. She asked that each College review it and if there are any corrections to be made, print the page with the error, mark the change in red, initial the change and forward back to Dr. Smith at the Graduate School.

V. Business ItemsSorrell College of Business

1. Change of Course Prefix from MBA 5502, MBA 5503, MBA 5504 and MBA 5505 to BUS 5502, BUS 5503, BUS 5504 and BUS 5505.
Dr. Merkel presented the SCOB's request to change the course prefixes to meet ACBSP standard 6.1.6, entitled "Graduate Programs". Students entering the Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Management (MSM), and Master of Science in Human Resource Management (MSHRM) programs who do not hold a business degree earned in the last eight years from an AACSB/ACBSP accredited school are required to complete the common professional component (CPC) business core followed by graduate coursework. The change is only syntactical in nature; the changing of the prefix from MBA to BUS will not include any change in course description or content. Dr. Heisler motioned to approve the request. Dr. Gaddis seconded. Motion approved.
2. Business Foundation Requirements for Master of Science in Management (MSM) Degree Program.
Dr. Merkel presented the SCOB's request to replace the Prerequisite Requirements and the Admission Requirements for the Master of Science in Management. This request is pursuant to the outcome of the recent reaccreditation visit from the ACBSP which found that the current MSM degree does not meet ACBSP standard 6.1.6. After a brief discussion, Dr. Gaddis motioned to approve the request. Dr. Rosell seconded the motion. Motion approved.
3. Usage of Single Course to meet the Degree Requirements for a Dual Concentration in the Master of Business Administration (MBA), the Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA), and the Master of Science in Management (MSM) degrees.
Dr. Merkel presented the SCOB's request to add to the Graduate Catalog, a section entitled "Degree Requirements" to the MBA degree program which would read, "For students pursuing the MBA degree with a dual concentration a single course can be applied only one time to satisfy the degree requirements." The SCOB also requests to add to the Graduate Catalog, a section entitled "Degree Requirements" to the EMBA degree program which would read, "For students pursuing the EMBA degree with a dual concentration a single course can be applied only one time to satisfy the degree requirements." The SCOB also requests to add to the Graduate Catalog, a section entitled "Degree Requirements" to the MSM degree program which would read, "For students pursuing the MSM degree with a dual concentration a single course can be applied only one time to satisfy degree requirements." Dr. Green motioned to approve the request. Dr. Browning seconded. Motion approved.
4. Designating the Correct Course Title for HRM 6632 Compensation Management.
Dr. Merkel presented the SCOB's request to correct a syntactical error which would change the current course title on page 48 of the 2008-2009 Graduate Catalog where it is incorrectly listed as Compensation and Benefits. It would be changed to the correct title of HRM 6632 Compensation Management. Dr. Creamer motioned to approve the request. Dr. Green seconded. Motion approved.
5. Alter Prerequisites for MBA 6651 Managerial Economics.
Dr. Merkel presented the SCOB's recommendation that the following pre-requisite statement for MBA 6651 Managerial Economics replace the existing one on page 198 of the 2008-2009 Graduate Catalog:
Pre-requisite: ECO 2252 Principles of Microeconomics or BUS 5503 and BUS 5505 or equivalents.

6. Business Foundation Requirements for the Master of Human Resource Management (MSHRM) Degree Program.
Dr. Merkel presented the SCOB's request to replace the Prerequisite Requirements and the Admission Requirements for the Master of Science in Human Resource Management with the Business Foundation Requirements for MSHRM. This request is pursuant to the outcome of the recent reaccreditation visit from the ACBSP which found that the current MSHRM degree does not meet ACBSP standard 6.1.6. The Business Foundation Requirements for MSHRM mirrors those for the MBA degree and have been approved in the accreditation process by the ACBSP. Dr. Heisler motioned to approve the request. Dr. Browning seconded the motion. Motion approved.
7. Substantive Change Prospectus for Qafqaz University in Baku Azerbaijan.
Dr. Merkel presented the Prospectus to establish a new site at Qafqaz University in Baku, Azerbaijan, which will offer TROY existing programs beginning with Phase I-Master of Business Administration in a 1 + 1 format with 2 courses accepted in transfer from the Qafqaz MBA (6 semester hours), 4 TROY courses (12 semester hours) taught by Qafqaz certified faculty and year 2 (18 semester hours) on a TROY Campus taught by TROY faculty; Phase II-MBA offered in full on the Qafqaz Campus (2+0 program) with 2 courses (6 semester hours) accepted in transfer from Qafqaz, 4 courses (12 semester hours) taught by Qafqaz certified faculty, and 6 courses (18 semester hours) taught by TROY faculty at the Qafqaz location. This has an anticipated implementation date of March 2009. Dr. Rosell motioned to approve the request. Dr. Oliver seconded the motion. Motion approved.
8. Correction within MSM General Program Course Requirements, part b.
Dr. Merkel presented the SCOB's request to replace the statement on page 50 of the 2008-2009 Graduate Catalog under General Program Course Requirements, part b with the following:
"36 semester hours for all other concentrations with comprehensive exams administered in the Capstone Course MGT 6685 as stated in the course description. Students must achieve a grade of "B" or better in MGT 6685 and an overall grade point average of 3.0 (A = 4.0) to fulfill requirements for the degree."
Dr. Creamer motioned to approve the request. Dr. Green seconded. Motion approved.

College of Education

1. Student #1—Extension of Eight-Year Rule
Dr. Creamer presented the student's request for extension. He stated that the College of Education had recommended approval with the stipulation that degree requirements be completed prior to the end of Spring 2009 (May 2009) and that the student successfully pass comprehensive examinations. Dr. Gaddis motioned to approve the request. Dr. Green seconded. Motion approved.
2. Elimination of PSE 6608 as a standard option for the MSPSE program.
Dr. Creamer presented the COE's request to have PSE 6608 Curriculum Integration of Technology eliminated as a core requirement for the MSPSE program. Dr. Gaddis motioned to approve the request. Dr. Rosell seconded. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Next meeting will be January 15, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in the General Academic Building, Room 330.