

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Web-Version
January 15, 2009

MEMBERS:

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Cherie Fretwell, Chair	X		Lorraine Magrath	X	
Catherine Allard		X	Dabney McKenzie (vtel)	X	
Geraldine Allen (vtel)	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. Ed Merkel, Dr. Henry Stewart, Dr. Henry Findley, Dr. Edith Smith, Tamara Jones, Donna Bragg

I. Call to Order

Dr. Fretwell called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Allard moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Green seconded. The motion was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2008 (including web version)

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

IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Barron reported that Troy has received the SACS Off-site Team's report. The Troy SACS Leadership Committee is in the process of providing additional information that will comprise the Focus Report. The Compliance Report is available for review on the Troy webpage.

Dr. Barron stated that the first draft of the Graduate Catalog for 2009-2010 has been sent out to each College for review. She reminded each College to make sure they have reviewed the appropriate sections. If there are corrections to be made, print the page with the error, mark the change in red, and initial the change. Forward the corrections to the Dean of your college for signature and forward back to Dr. Smith at the Graduate School as soon as possible. She also reminded everyone of the deadline for corrections to the 2009-2010 Graduate Catalog.

V. Business Items

College of Arts and Sciences

1. Change of course description for PA 6699 Capstone in Public Administration.

Dr. Rosell presented the College of Arts and Sciences' request to change the course description for PA 6699. The change will require students to have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average or better before they are allowed to register for the capstone course.

Dr. Green motioned to approve the request. Dr. Allen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Sorrell College of Business

- 1A. Change of course description and course name for ACT 6694 Income Tax Research. The course name for ACT 6694 will change from **Income Tax Research** to **Federal Tax Research**. The new course description will read “A study of how to identify federal tax issues, locate the applicable tax authorities, evaluate the weight of the authorities, reach conclusions, and communicate the results of the research.”
- 1B. Change of course description for ACT 6699 Contemporary Issues in Accounting. Dr. Magrath presented the SCOB’s request to change the course description and course title for ACT 6694 and modify the course description for ACT 6699. The course description for ACT 6699 will change to “A study of contemporary accounting issues and an analysis of how accounting practice is influenced by regulatory agencies, economic conditions, and professional accounting organizations.

After a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve both requests. Dr. Green seconded. Motion approved.

2. Revision of the Master of Science in Management (MSM) degree program. Dr. Merkel presented the SCOB’s request to revise the MSM course curriculum. This request is pursuant to the outcome of the recent reaccreditation visit from the ACBSP. This revision would place prerequisite requirements of four 5500 level Business Foundation courses for students holding a non-business undergraduate degree. The General Program Course Requirements will state “30 semester hours required for all concentrations. All MSM students are now required to complete the Graduate Educational Testing Service-Major Field Test and a Capstone Examination in MGT 6685 Management Strategy.” The acceptable ETS Mean Score for the 2009-2010 academic year is 146. The updated mean score for the Undergraduate Business Core exam minus one-half the standard error of the mean as listed by the ETS on their website is $152.9 - 7 = 145.9$ (round up to 146). The MSM degree offers eight 30 semester hour concentrations. All options require five core courses, four concentration courses and one elective course. After a brief discussion, Dr. Heisler motioned to approve the request. Dr. Green seconded the motion. Motion approved.
3. Revision of the Master of Science in Human Resource Management (MSHRM) degree program. Dr. Findley presented the SCOB’s request to revise the MSHRM course curriculum. This request is pursuant to the outcome of the recent reaccreditation visit from the ACBSP. This revision would place prerequisite requirements of four 5500 level Business Foundation courses for students holding a non-business undergraduate degree. The Degree Requirements will state “All graduates from the MSHRM program will successfully complete the nine course core provided in the attachment and one additional elective course suitable to the student’s academic and employment background and specific career objectives. If the student earns a “D” or an “F” in a core course, the course must be retaken. If a student earns a “D” or an “F” in the elective course, the course may be retaken or another elective may be taken in its place.” The MSHRM degree program is a non-research oriented master’s degree that requires an understanding of the accepted professional practices in the field of human resource management. This program provides students with the opportunity to gain an

understanding of the subject matter that will enhance their career opportunities. After a brief discussion, Dr. Rinehart motioned to approve the request. Dr. Allen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

College of Education

1. Student #1—Extension of Eight-Year Rule
Dr. Oliver presented the students request for extension. Dr. Allard motioned to table the request pending requested information. Dr. Allen seconded. Motion was tabled.
2. Revision to CP 6644 Community Counseling course at the Dothan Campus.
Dr. Oliver present the COE's request for a revision to CP 6644 Community Counseling course offered as part of the Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology Program at the Dothan Campus. After a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to table the request pending additional information from the College of Education. Dr. Allard seconded. Motion tabled pending additional wording for multiple campus inclusion.

College of Health and Human Services

- 1A. Addition of prerequisite to KHP 6691 Research Methods in Health & Physical Education
Dr. Green presented the College of Health and Human Service's request to require completion of KHP 6617 Readings in Health and Physical Education with a grade of "B" or better as a prerequisite to KHP 6691 Research Methods in Health and Physical Education.
- 1B. Addition of prerequisite to SFM 6691 Research Methods in Sport and Fitness Management.
Dr. Green presented the College of Health and Human Service's request to require completion of SFM 6617 Readings in Sport and Fitness Management with a grade of "B" or better as a prerequisite to SFM 6691 Research Methods in Sport and Fitness Management

After a brief discussion, Dr. Allen motioned to approve both requests. Dr. Rosell seconded. Motion approved.

2. New course for the Master of Science in Sport and Fitness Management degree program.
Dr. Green presented the College of Health and Human Service's request to add course SFM 6600 Foundations of Sport Management to the degree program as a core course. The course description will read "This course will examine the role and impact of the sport industry and help students identify activities and opportunities in sport management, as well as orient new graduate students to the academic and professional field of sport management." Following a brief discussion, Dr. Allard motioned to accept the request. Dr. Heisler seconded. Motion was approved.

Information Items

1. Notice of acceptance from SACS that Troy University plans to offer an undergraduate program in Business in which students will begin the program at Qafqaz University in Baku, Azerbaijan effective April 1, 2009 **AND** a joint Master's in Business Administration in which students begin the program at Qafqaz University in Baku, Azerbaijan and finish at Troy University effective April 1, 2009.

Notice of acceptance from SACS that Troy University plans to offer the MS in International Relations at the approved site at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.

2. Letter to SACS stating Troy University's intent to establish a collaborative arrangement with the Jubail Industrial College in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Our plan is to offer the Masters in Business Administration and the Executive Masters in Business Administration with a tentative start date of July 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. Next meeting will be February 19, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in the General Academic Building, Room 330.