

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
(Web Version)
February 19, 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 (vtel)	X		Jan Oliver	X	
Andrew Creamer	X		Emrah Orhun (telephone)	X	
Mark Gaddis	X		Jim Rinehart		X
Fred Green	X		Ellen Rosell	X	
William Heisler (vtel)	X		Robert Saunders (telephone)	X	
Jim Simpson (telephone)	X		Dr. Dianne Barron, ex officio	X	
Kenyon Knapp (vtel)	X				

GUESTS: Dr. Ed Merkel, Dr. Charles Krupnick, Dr. Kaye Sheridan, Dr. Curt Porter, Dr. Edith Smith, P J Hamm, Brenda Campbell

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 SACS Focus Report has been submitted and that SACS visits have begun. She stated that she and Dr. Hal Fulmer will be visiting the various TROY campuses to work with faculty. She asked that each department be prepared to participate in the campus visits as needed.

Dr. Barron stated that Dr. Smith is working hard on the Graduate Catalog. She asked Dr. Smith to report to the Graduate Council. Dr. Smith reported that a second draft will be available for review the first week in March. She asked each department to review their section of the Graduate Catalog and send their corrections through their dean. Dr. Barron then reminded everyone of the deadline for corrections, so that the 2009-2010 Graduate Catalog can be sent to the publisher by the end of March.

Dr. Barron provided the council with a list of Graduate Council terms that expire this summer. Everyone on the list is eligible for a second consecutive three-year term. She asked that each member review the list for discussion at a later date.

V. Business Items

College of Arts and Sciences

1. Revision of Admission Requirements to the Master of Public Administration.

Dr. Rosell presented the College of Arts and Sciences' request to change admission requirements for the Master of Public Administration degree program. After a brief

discussion, an amendment was made to item number four under the Admission Requirements for the Master of Public Administration. The amendment states “A letter of recommendation that addresses the applicant’s good potential for success in professional graduate study and public service.” After another brief discussion, Dr. Meine made a motion to approve as edited. Dr. Knapp seconded. Motion approved as edited.

2. Revision to the Master of Public Administration, Public Management Concentration
Dr. Rosell presented the College of Arts and Sciences request to change the concentration requirements for the Master of Public Administration-Public Management Concentration. Students within the Public Management Concentration would be able to select one course from any of the approved courses in the MPA concentration course list, with advisor approval, as one of their electives. This change will allow students the flexibility to meet their interdisciplinary course needs relevant to their career goals. Dr. Meine motioned to accept. Dr. Green seconded. Motion approved.

Sorrell College of Business

1. Revised Graduate Degree Plan/Application to Candidacy for Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Human Resource Management and Master of Science in Management.
Dr. Merkel presented the SCOB’s request to revise the Graduate Degree Plan/Application to Candidacy to include the four BUS 5500 level courses needed to be completed by students not holding an undergraduate degree in business. Students holding the undergraduate degree in business are also advised to refer to the graduate catalog for any BUS 5500 course requirements which are relevant if either the degree was earned more than eight years prior to admission to the program or if the degree was earned from an institution not accredited by either the ACBSP or the AACSB. Dr. Heisler motioned to accept.
Dr. Allen seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
2. Master of Taxation Degree Proposal
Dr. Kaye Sheridan presented the SCOB’s proposal to offer the Master of Taxation degree. Once the proposal is approved by the Graduate Council, the proposal would be presented to ACHE for review. Estimated start date for the Master of Taxation degree is the fall of 2010, on the Montgomery campus. After a short discussion, Dr. Rosell motioned to accept. Dr. Green seconded. Motion was approved.

College of Education

1. Student #1—Extension of the Eight-Year Rule.
Dr. Creamer presented the students request for an extension of the eight-year rule. He also provided the COE’s endorsement stating the degree requirements must be met by May 31, 2009. After a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to accept. Dr. Rosell seconded. Motion was approved.

College of Health and Human Services

1. Revision of degree requirements for the Master of Science in Sport and Fitness Management
Dr. Green presented the College of Health and Human Service’s request to revise the degree requirements for the Master of Science in Sport and Fitness Management to include the statements, “If a student makes a “D” or “F” in a core or concentration

course, the course must be retaken. If the student earns a “D” or “F” in an elective course, the course may be retaken, or another elective taken in its place. The student can satisfy the research component requirement by successfully completing SFM 6617 and SFM 6691 with a grade of “B” or better.” Dr. Meine made a motion to accept the revision. Dr. Rosell seconded. Motion was approved.

2. Revision of Degree Requirements for the Master of Science in Sport and Fitness Management AND Addition of the catalog description for KHP 6617 Readings in Health and Physical Education, SFM 6617 Readings in Sport and Fitness Management, KHP 6691 Research Methods in Health and Physical Education, and SFM 6691 Research Methods in Sport and Fitness Management.

2A. Dr. Green presented the College of Health and Human Service’s request to revise the degree requirements for the Master of Science in Sport and Fitness Management to add the statement “The student can satisfy the research component requirement by successfully completing SFM 6617 and SFM 6691 with a grade of “B” or better.”

2B. Dr. Green presented the College of Health and Humans Service’s request to amend the catalog description for KHP 6617 Readings in Health and Physical Education, SFM 6617 Readings in Sport and Fitness Management, KHP 6691 Research Methods in Health and Physical Education, and SFM 6691 Research Methods in Sport and Fitness Management by adding the statement, “A grade of “B” or better is required.” to each description.

Dr. Meine motioned to accept both requests. Dr. Knapp seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. Next meeting will be March 19, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in the General Academic Building, Room 330.