

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
June 13, 2013
WEB VERSION

MEMBERS:

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Cherie Fretwell, Chair	X		Fred Meine	X	
Carolyn Russell (vtel)	X		Diane Orlofsky		X*
Lynn Boyd (telephone)	X		William Heisler		X*
Andrew Creamer	X		Patsy Riley	X	
Dianne Eppler (telephone)	X		Robert Saunders (telephone)	X	
Diane Bandow (vtel)	X		Rolf Holtz		X
Maureen Hannay (telephone)	X		Isabelle Warren	X	
Jonathan Harrington	X		Dr. Dianne Barron, ex officio	X	
Christina Martin	X		Dr. Janet McNellis, ex officio	X	
Irem Ozkarahan		X*			

X*--absent with notice **attending as proxy for member

GUESTS: Dr. Bob Wheatley, Dr. Glenn Cohen, Dr. Ed Merkel, Ms. Janet Gaston, Ms. Andrea Dean-Crowley, Dr. Dan Sutter

I. Call to Order

Dr. Fretwell called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

II. Approval of Agenda-

Dr. Creamer moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes (to include the Web Version) of May 16, 2013.

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

IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

1. Dr. Barron noted that this is Dr. Fretwell's last meeting and she thanked Dr. Fretwell for her six years of service as Chair of the Graduate Academic Committee. Dr. Barron also thanked Dr. Ed Merkel for all of his years of presenting Sorrell College of Business items to the Committee.
2. There are several new graduate degree and certificate programs starting in the Fall or currently undergoing the approval process. Dr. Barron stated that the revised MSM degree and the extension of the MSCJ program to the Dothan campus were both on the June ACHE agenda meeting.
3. Dr. Barron reminded the Committee members that a standardized *Incomplete Grade Request* form is now available online. This is an Echosign form and neither the faculty nor the students need to have an Echosign account to use the form. Dr. Barron stated that the Graduate School will be adding more forms to Echosign as appropriate because this makes tracking the forms much easier.

V. Business Items

NOTE: Policy changes, curriculum changes, etc. approved by the council are effective the following academic year unless otherwise indicated

College of Arts and Sciences**1. Student #1 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MSIR)**

Master of Science in International Relations student requesting an extension (3.91 GPA). Dr. Harrington presented the students' request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until August 31, 2014. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Creamer motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Meine seconded. The motion was approved.

2. Student #2 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MSIR)

Master of Science in International Relations student requesting an extension a (3.09 GPA). Dr. Harrington presented the students' request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until August 31, 2014. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Riley seconded. The motion was approved.

3. Student #3 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MPA)

Master of Science in Public Administration student requesting an extension (3.0 GPA). Dr. Fretwell presented the students' request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. She advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until August 31, 2014. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Riley motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Meine seconded. The motion was approved.

4. Removal of Prerequisite for PA 6678 – Fall 2013

Dr. Meine presented a request to remove PA 6624 Public Human Resource Management as a prerequisite for PA 6678 Introduction to Public Health. During the December Graduate Council meeting several new public administration courses were added and concentrations in Public Health Administration and Public Human Resource Management were revised and approved by Graduate Council. A prerequisite for PA 6678 was added by mistake and should be removed. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Martin motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Creamer seconded. The motion was approved.

5. MS EBA Biological Concentration Changes– Fall 2013

Dr. Cohen presented a proposal to expand the biological sciences concentration to include a variety of classes for students to choose from. The courses to be added are: BIO 5552, BIO L552, BIO 5771, BIO L571, BIO 5576, BIO 5580, BIO L580, BIO 6624, BIO 6643, BIO 6662, BMS 6615, BMS L615, BMS 6620, BMS6625, BMS L625, BMS 6630, BMS 6635 and BMS 6640. This will allow more courses and options for biological science students.

Students interested in pursuing a Biomedical Science Certificate may do so after completing 20 semester hours of the required coursework. Students pursuing the Master of Science in Environmental & Biological Sciences program may also complete the certificate.

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Creamer seconded. The motion was approved.

Sorrell College of Business**6. Student #4 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MSM)**

Master of Science in Management student requesting an extension and has a (3.5GPA). Dr. Merkel presented the students' request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the Sorrell College of Business academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until July 31, 2013. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Harrington motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Riley seconded. The motion was approved.

7. Student #5 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (EMBA)

Executive Master of Business Administration student requesting an extension and has a (3.5GPA). Dr. Merkel presented the students' request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the Sorrell College of Business academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until October 31, 2013. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Eppler motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bandow seconded. The motion was approved.

8. New Program Proposal –Master of Arts in Economics- Fall 2014

Dr. Sutter presented a proposal to add a Master of Arts in Economics degree program. This program will provide students with a broad academic understanding in the field of economics, prepare them for Ph.D. programs in Economics, and prepare them for job opportunities. Students will be required to complete 33 semester hours of coursework in which the student may choose a thesis or non-thesis option. The thesis option requires 12 semester hours of required coursework, 12 semester hours of electives and 9 hours of thesis. The non-thesis option requires 12 semester hours of required coursework, 18 semester hours of electives and 3 hours of research. Students will need a 294 on the GRE and must meet other admission requirements. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Martin seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Health and Human Services**9. DNP Transfer Credit- Fall 2013**

Dr. Riley presented a request to add a statement concerning DNP transfer credit to the *Graduate Catalog*: "After DNP coordinator evaluation of course syllabus, a maximum of 12 credit hours of coursework may be accepted from only an existing Master of Science in Nursing toward the DNP degree". Following a brief discussion, Dr. Warren motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Creamer seconded. The motion was approved.

Information Items:

10. Substantive Change SACS- MS Biomedical Science

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 22, 2013 in the Conference room of Patterson Hall at 1:30 p.m.