

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
WEB VERSION
October 17, 2013**

MEMBERS:

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Christina Martin (Chair)	X		Diane Orlofsky	X	
Diane Bandow		X*	Irem Ozkarahan (telephone)	X	
Dianne Eppler (telephone)	X		Patsy Riley	X	
Joy Hadwiger	X		Kristie Roberts-Lewis	X	
Maureen Hannay (telephone)	X		Dionne Rosser-Mims (vtel)	X	
Jonathan Harrington	X		Carolyn Russell		X*
William Heisler (telephone)	X		Mary Ann Templeton	X	
Rolf Holtz	X**		Isabelle Warren		X*
Maria Kroneneburg (telephone)	X				
Fred Meine (vtel)	X		Dr. Dianne Barron, ex officio	X	

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

Dr. Rhonda Bowron, Dr. Sam Shelton, Dr. Cherie Fretwell, Dr. Oliver and Dr. Bob Wheatley

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Templeton moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Riley seconded. The motion was approved.

III. Approval of the September 19, 2013 Minutes(to include the Web Version)

Dr. Templeton motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Orlofsky seconded. The motion was approved.

IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

- Dr. Fretwell was recognized for her extensive service as the chair and a member of the Graduate Academic Council. Her contributions have been numerous and are greatly appreciated by all members of the Council.
- The Council members were reminded that graduate degree plans or Admission to Candidacy forms are no longer required for incoming students. The acknowledgement portion of the forms will be captured as a part of the admission process. Student degree plans are now reviewed through the Academic Evaluation accessible by all on Trojan Web Express.
- At the next Graduate Academic Council meeting a recommendation will be presented to amend the *Load Limit for Students with Unconditional Admission Status* from the current nine semester hours per semester to twelve semester hours per semester. This change will align semester load requirements with term load requirements. (2013-14 Graduate Catalog, pg. 16)
- At the next Graduate Academic Council meeting a recommendation will be presented to amend the language related to the Transfer credit policy. A need exists to capture our practice of not including the grades of transferred credit in the graduating grade point average from either a prior Troy master's or accepted credits from an external institution. (2013-14 Graduate Catalog, pg. 16)

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 (MPA)**

Master of Public Administration student requesting an extension and has a (3.7GPA). Dr. Shelton 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 denial. Following a discussion concerning additional information that was discovered following the initial review, the council decided to reverse the decision by the College of Arts and Sciences and recommended approval of the extension of his credit to December 31, 2014. Dr. Shelton concurred with the reversal. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Templeton seconded. The motion was approved.

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

Master of Science in International Relations student requesting an extension and has a (4.0GPA). 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 July 31, 2014. Also the student must retake or audit IR 5551(formerly POL 5551). If the student chooses to audit the course she must contact Dr. Jonathan Harrington immediately.

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

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

Master of Science in International Relations student requesting an extension and has a (3.7GPA). 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 May 31, 2014. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved.

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

Master of Business Administration student requesting an extension and has a (3.5GPA). Dr. Wheatley 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 of the transfer credit until July 31, 2014. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Eppler seconded. The motion was approved.

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

Master of Science in Human Resource Management student requesting an extension and has a (3.3GPA). Dr. Wheatley 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, 2014. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Eppler seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Education**6. Student #6- Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MSPSE)**

Master of Science in Post-Secondary Education student requesting an extension and has a (2.7GPA). Dr. Oliver presented the students' request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. She advised that the College of Education academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended denial. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Orlofsky motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

7. Student #7- Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (Med.CP)

Master of Education – Counseling and Psychology student requesting an extension and has a (3.3GPA). Dr. Templeton presented the students' request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. She advised that the College of Education academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until July 31, 2014. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Meine seconded. The motion was approved.

8. Student #8- Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MS.P12EDG)

Master of Science in Education –Traditional Gifted Education student requesting an extension and has a (3.9GPA). Dr. Templeton presented the students' request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. She advised that the College of Education academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until July 31, 2014. Only classes taken beginning summer 2005 and forward were approved for an extension. This means that the student, must retake EDU 6653 Educational Evaluation.

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

9. Removal of Residency Requirement for ALT- A Programs Fall 2013

Dr. Bowron presented a request for removal of the Residency Requirement for all ALT-A programs. Residency by campus location is no longer a requirement for licensure or specialized accreditation. The removal of the residency requirement by campus is to align the printed policy with current practice. Additionally, this change facilitates student program completion.

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

College of Health and Human Services**10. Modification to Sport and Fitness Management: Coaching Concentration**

Dr. Martin presented a request for modification to the Sport and Fitness Management: Coaching Concentration. This change would make SFM 6650 Sports Nutrition & Exercise Metabolism an elective instead of a core course. This would let students have more flexibility to focus on the physiological or the personnel management side of coaching. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Harrington motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

11. Revision to Course Descriptions and Titles for : NSG 8810, NSG 8820, NSG 8830, NSG 8840 and NSG 8850

Dr. Riley presented a request to update course descriptions and titles changes for: NSG 8810, NSG 8820, NSG 8830, NSG 8840 and NSG 8850 to reflect changes in the nursing field. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Orlofsky motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Riley seconded. The motion was approved.

12. Changes to the Residency Synthesis Guidelines

Dr. Riley presented a request to make modifications to the Residency Synthesis Guidelines. Some of the changes include removing the binding requirement and adding that two copies of each Residency Synthesis Project will be submitted in PDF format on a CD to the Library for cataloging. The changes are recommended to facilitate the institutional storage of Residency Synthesis projects and accommodate our nursing students at a distance. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Orlofsky seconded. The motion was approved.

Information Items:

13. College of Arts and Sciences Student #4- Supporting documentation (Extension of the Eight Year Requirement was approved September Graduate Council meeting pending documentation).

14. Pictures from September Graduate Council

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 21, 2013 in the Conference room of Patterson Hall at 1:30 p.m.