

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
WEB VERSION
November 21, 2013**

MEMBERS:

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Christina Martin (Chair)	X		Diane Orlofsky		X*
Diane Bandow (Vtel)	X		Irem Ozkarahan (telephone)	X	
Dianne Eppler (telephone)	X		Patsy Riley(Vtel)	X	
Joy Hadwiger (telephone)	X		Kristie Roberts-Lewis (telephone)		
Maureen Hannay (telephone)	X		Dionne Rosser-Mims (vtel)		X*
Jonathan Harrington	X**		Carolyn Russell	X	
William Heisler (telephone)	X		Mary Anne Templeton	X**	
Rolf Holtz	X**		Isabelle Warren	X	
Maria Kronenburg (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. Jan Oliver**, Dr. Jason Wingate, Dr. Andy Creamer, Dr. Steven Taylor**, Dr. Bob Wheatley, Dr. Glenn Cohen, Ms. Janet Gaston, Dr. Scout Blum and Dr. Steven Padgett

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Warren moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

III. Approval of the October 17, 2013 Minutes.

Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the minutes with the noted correction. Dr. Eppler seconded. The motion was approved.

IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Barron introduced Dr. Mary Anne Templeton as the new Associate Dean of the Graduate School. She also reminded everyone of the final Graduate Council meetings for the 2014-15 Graduate Catalog are January and February. Please prepare all curricular changes and submit as soon as possible.

Dr. Barron also reminded the Council members of the upcoming Research Showcase scheduled for late spring 2014. Everyone was asked to begin working within their colleges to finalize selection policies and display requirements.

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 Science

1. Student #1 – Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MSIR)

Master of Science in International Relations student requesting an extension and has a (3.0GPA). Dr. Taylor presented the student's 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. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Meine seconded. The motion was approved.

It was noted that no additional extension will be given to the student after this date without a requirement to take additional coursework that must be approved by the student's advisor.

2. Catalog Corrections to the MA in History

Dr. Blum presented a request to update the Master of Arts in History degree program. The History faculty reviewed the MA in History and made changes that would strengthen the program and best serve the students. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Warren seconded. The motion was approved.

The list of changes is attached.

3. Corrections to 2013-2014 Catalog Course Descriptions/ Addition of HIS 66XX/Deletion of HIS 6607 & HIS 6620

Dr. Blum presented a request to update the course descriptions for the Master of Arts in History degree program. Also, the addition of HIS 66XX, which is a thesis course, and the deletion of HIS 6607 Issues in International Affairs and HIS 6620 Research in International Studies. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Oliver seconded. The motion was approved.

Please see attached list of course description changes.

4. Addition of Courses to the Graduate Biology Inventory/ Addition of elective course to Environmental Policy Concentration

Dr. Cohen presented a request for an addition of BIO 5550 Environmental History, BIO 6611 Global Pollution and Environmental Policy and BIO 6612 Environmental Impact Studies to the Graduate Biology inventory. These courses are currently offered and listed with an EBS prefix.

Dr. Cohen also requested the addition of electives EBS 6625 and EBS 6626 which are both Specialized Study in Environmental and Biological Sciences to the Environmental Policy concentration. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

Sorrell College of Business**5. Student #2– Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MSHRM)**

Master of Science in Human Resource Management student requesting an extension and currently 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 May 31, 2014. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Heisler seconded. The motion was approved.

6. Addition of ACOM MBA Cohort

Dr. Wheatley presented a proposal for an addition of a MBA Cohort with Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine (ACOM). The Sorrell College of Business faculty would like to offer ACOM medical students the opportunity to earn a Masters of Business Administration degree. The Cohort will be tailored towards medical students. The program includes seven required courses and three electives which will be selected by Sorrell College of Business faculty and ACOM. Medical students pursuing this degree will have special admission requirements. Dr. Heisler motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Eppler seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Education**7. Student #3- Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MS.MCPCMh)**

Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology— Clinical Mental Health student requesting an extension and currently has a 3.8GPA. 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 approval of the extension until May 31, 2014. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Eppler seconded. The motion was approved.

8. Student #4 - Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MS. MCPSC)

Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology— School Counseling student requesting an extension and currently has a 3.4GPA. 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 approval of the extension until May 31, 2014. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Warren motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

9. Student #5 - Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MS. MCPCMh)

Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology— Clinical Mental Health student requesting an extension and currently has a 3.9GPA. 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 approval of the extension until May 31, 2014. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Warren motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bandow seconded. The motion was approved.

10. Student #6- Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MS. MCPCC)

Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology— Community Counseling student requesting an extension and currently has a 3.4GPA. 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 approval of the extension until May 31, 2014. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Heisler motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

11. MSCP Rehabilitation Counseling— Removal of Statement Pertaining to Program

Dr. Creamer presented a request for removal of a statement from the Rehabilitation Counseling portion of the Graduate Catalog. The statement reads "Students entering the rehabilitation counseling specialty graduate degree program with an undergraduate degree in rehabilitation may have the option to take two electives in lieu of two required rehabilitation courses. The electives must be approved by the academic adviser and department chair". Following a brief discussion, Dr. Warren motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Meine seconded. The motion was approved.

12. MSCP School Counseling Program—Addition and Removal of Course

Dr. Creamer presented a request for addition of CP 6660 Current Trends in School Counseling course to the MSCP School Counseling degree program and the removal of one elective. This new course would meet requirements for CACREP accreditation. The CP 6660 course would take the place of the elective removed from the degree requirements. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Oliver motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

13. New Post-Grad Certificate— Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Dr. Creamer presented a proposal for addition of a Post-Masters Clinical Mental Health Counseling Certificate. This certificate is designed to provide post-masters counseling professionals with advanced concentration of theory and application skills specifically related to clinical mental health counseling. The certificate is 15 semester hours which consists of 6 semester hours of required coursework and 9 semester hours of electives. This certificate program is not CACREP accredited. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Meine seconded. The motion was approved.

14. MSCP- Clinical Mental Health—Remove two courses (PSY 6648 & CP 6661)

Dr. Creamer presented a request for removal of PSY 6648 Theories of Personality Development and CP 6661 Internship: Mental Health with two advisor approved electives for the Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology: Clinical Mental Health degree program. This would require nine semester hours of advisor approved electives for students at the Augusta, Dothan, Montgomery, Phenix City and Troy campuses. Students in Florida seeking a degree in CMH will have six semester hours of advisor approved electives and must take CP 6634 as part of Florida licensing requirements. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bandow seconded. The motion was approved.

15. MSCP Name Change from Social Service Counseling to General Counseling

Dr. Creamer presented a request for a name change of the MSCP: Social Service Counseling degree program to MSCP: General Counseling. To align with the standards for CACREP accreditation a name change was needed for this degree program. The new name “MSCP: General Counseling” was the name prior and our now going back to it. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Oliver motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

16. MSCP Course Name Change from Practicum: Social Service Counseling to Practicum: General Counseling

Dr. Creamer presented a request for a name change of the MSCP: Social Service Counseling Practicum course to MSCP: General Counseling Practicum. To align with the standards for CACREP accreditation a name change was prior approved and this is just to update the courses with the old name to reflect the new name. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Warren seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Communication and Fine Arts**17. The Master of Science in Strategic Communication including BS English degrees for Troy Honor's admission**

Dr. Steven Padgett presented a request for the addition of the undergraduate degree in English to be added to the Master of Science in Strategic Communication Honors program. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Meine seconded. The motion was approved.

Graduate School**18. Modify Unconditionally Admitted Grad. Student Load**

Dr. Barron presented a request to modify unconditionally admitted graduate student load. More graduate courses and programs are being offered in the semester and term formats. More unconditionally admitted students are requesting overloads in order to take 12sh each semester or 12sh over two consecutive terms. By changing the policy it will help the University be more consistent across both delivery formats and reduce the number of overload request. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Oliver motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

19. Transfer Credit Policy Modification

Dr. Barron presented a request to modify the current Transfer Credit Policy. The modification would address how the University treats the grades earned in the transfer credit courses. Also it would clarify that credits earned in a first master's degree at Troy and approved as Transfer Credit into a second Troy master's may not be used in the calculation of the "Institutional GPA" for the second master's degree. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Education (Late Submissions)**20. Changes in Admission Requirements for GTEP**

Dr. Oliver presented a request to modify the GTEP admission requirements. Students were registering without meeting with their advisor. The faculty wanted to make updates to streamline the GTEP process and make registering for classes easier for students. The faculty decided to remove 2, 4 and 5 from the old catalog requirements and add new statement. The new admission requirements are still in compliance with the state regulations. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Warren motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

21. Changes in Admission Requirements for Education Specialist Program

Dr. Oliver presented a request to modify the admission requirements for the Education Specialist Program. Students were registering without meeting with their advisor. The new admission requirements are still in compliance with the state regulations. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Warren motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

Information Items:

None

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 23, 2014 in the Patterson Hall Conference Room (330) at 1:30 p.m.