

## GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

November 15, 2007

Web Version

### MEMBERS:

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Cherie Fretwell, Chair	X		Lorraine Magrath		X
Catherine Allard	X		Pam Manners		X
Geraldine Allen	X		Dabney McKenzie (vtel)	X	
Frank Browning (phone)	X		Debra Moore (phone)	X	
Chan Roark for Andrew Creamer	X		Emrah Orhun		X
Mark Gaddis		X	Jim Rinehart	X	
Fred Green		X	Robert Saunders (phone)	X	
William Heisler (phone)	X		David Shetterly (phone)	X	
Haitao Li (vtel)	X		Dr. Dianne Barron, ex officio	X	
Kenyon Knapp		X			

GUESTS: Dr. Cochran, Dr. Hines, Dr. Merkel, Dr. Amanda Diggs, Dr. Henry Stewart, Tamara Jones, P. J. Hamm

#### I. Call to Order

Dr. Fretwell called the meeting to order and asked members and guests to introduce themselves.

#### II. Approval of Agenda

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

#### III. Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2007 (including web version)

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

#### IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Barron presented a brief overview of the electronic End of Course evaluation assessment system. The final details of the system are being worked out and emails are scheduled to be sent the last week of November. Students will have one to two weeks to respond to the survey.

#### 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 – Request for extension of 8 year rule

Dr. Rinehart presented the details of the petition. The decision of the College review committee was to deny the petition. After discussion, Dr. Rinehart motioned to support the denial. Second by Dr. Allen. Motion approved.

2. Student #2 – Request for extension of 8 year rule  
Dr. Rinehart presented the details of the petition. The decision of the College review Committee was to deny the appeal. A short discussion followed. Dr. Browning motioned to support the denial. Dr. Shetterly seconded. Motion approved.

#### College of Business

1. Berufsakademie degree – Dr. Merkel presented the request to accept the business degree awarded by *Berufsakademie (BA)* located in Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany as fulfilling an admission requirement into the MBA program offered at the Troy University Heidelberg, Germany location. All *BA* students will be required to achieve a satisfactory score on the ETS Business Core exam prior to pursuing any MBA coursework. Any future *Berufsakademien* that may be added will be considered on a case by case basis. In addition, all *Berufsakademien* will be reviewed every five years. Dr. Heisler motioned to accept the *Berufsakademie* degree from *BA* located in Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany with a review in AY2012. Seconded by Dr. McKenzie. Motion approved.
2. Student #3 – Request for extension of 8 year Rule  
Dr. Merkel presented the details of the petition and the decision to deny the request by the College review committee. Dr. Allard motioned to support the denial. Dr. Shetterly seconded. Motion approved.
3. Student #4 – Request for extension of 8 year Rule  
Dr. Merkel presented the details of the petition and the decision to deny the request by the College review committee. A brief discussion followed. Dr. Allen motioned to support the Review committee’s denial based on the *2007-2008 Graduate Catalog* page 17, Time Limit to Complete Graduate Degree Programs. It clearly states, “all credits used to satisfy degree requirements must be less than eight years old at the time of degree completion.” The student has no credits that are expired currently. Therefore, the request to waive the 8 year rule is premature and should be resubmitted at a later date. The request to extend the student’s program for 8 years was denied. Dr. Shetterly seconded. Motion approved.
4. Student #5– Request for extension of 8 year Rule  
Dr. Merkel presented the details of the petition. The College review committee recommended approval of the request with the conditions that the student complete degree requirements by the end of 2008 and student must complete requirements under the *2007-2008 Graduate Catalog*. Dr. Saunders motioned to approve with the conditions stated above. Dr. Shetterly seconded. Motion approved.
5. Student #6– Request for extension of 8 year Rule  
Dr. Merkel presented the details of the petition. The College review committee recommended denying the request. Dr. Rinehart motioned to support the decision. Dr. Heisler seconded. Motion approved.

**College of Communication and Fine Arts**

1. Change title from Speech to Communication Studies.
2. Change SPH prefix to COM prefix.
3. Change course title from Specialized Study in the Area of Speech Communication to Specialized Study in the Area of Communication Studies

Dr. Amanda Diggs explained the need to provide consistency with course offerings at the graduate and undergraduate levels. There are no changes to the course offerings.

Dr. Allard motioned to approve the three changes noted above. Dr. Allen seconded.

Motion approved.

**College of Education**

1. Degree Name Change M.S. Ed. to M.S. ILA

Dr. Barron explained that the change was due to a change in the Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code. The new degree award name more accurately reflects the full range of program content provided in the program curriculum. No curriculum changes have been made. Dr. Shetterly motioned to approve the degree name change as presented. Dr. Saunders seconded. Motion approved.

2. Student #7 – Request for extension of 8 year Rule

Dr. Fretwell presented the request. The decision of the College review committee was to approve the request with the condition that all degree requirements be completed by May 2008. Dr. Rinehart moved to support the approval. Dr. McKenzie seconded. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2008.