

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 20, 2008

Web Version

MEMBERS:

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

GUESTS: Tamara Jones, Dr. Dianne Gossett

I. Call to Order

Dr. Fretwell called the meeting to order and asked members and guests to introduce themselves. (* Note: Because of an equipment breakdown and conflicting room reservation, the V-tel connection to Montgomery failed. Three members could not participate.)

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Knapp motioned to accept the agenda. Dr. Green seconded. Motion was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2008 (including web version)

Dr. Green motioned to approve both the traditional version and the web version of the minutes. Dr. Rosell seconded. The motion was approved.

IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Barron presented a brief overview of the website dedicated to the Standing Committees of the University. Emphasis was given to the Graduate Academic Council and the Institutional Review Board, both of which have vacancies for the coming academic year.

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. Rosell presented the student's case. Student needs to complete three courses and have all degree requirements met by December 31, 2008. After a brief discussion, Dr. Knapp motioned to approve the waiver with the above conditions. Dr. Gaddis seconded. Motion approved.

College of Education

1. Request for Prerequisite Course Corrections to Graduate Catalog.
Dr. Gossett explained that a few course descriptions did not include the required prerequisite courses. The prerequisite omissions in the catalog were an oversight during the transition from separately accredited institutions into one university. The prerequisites had been included on the master syllabus templates when originally submitted. Dr. Manners motioned to approve the addition to the course descriptions. Dr. Browning seconded. Motion approved.
2. Admission Requirements for Alternative Fifth-Year Program for Teachers
Dr. Gossett explained this action was needed to align the admission requirements for the Alternative Fifth-Year Program section of the Graduate Catalog with the admission requirements for the Teacher Education Program. The proposal is to change the minimum cumulative/overall graduating grade point average to 2.5 on the baccalaureate transcript. Dr. Green motioned to approve. Dr. Moore seconded. Motion approved.
3. Name change for the Ed. S. Educational Administrative Leadership program
Dr. Gossett explained that the Alabama State Department of Education's Administrative Code (290-3-3-.48) redirects the philosophical foundation by which school administrators are prepared. The change of name to Education Specialist in Instructional Leadership in Administration (Ed.S. ILA) more accurately reflects the full range of program content provided in the curriculum. No curriculum changes have been made. Dr. Green motioned to approve the degree name change. Dr. Knapp seconded. Motion approved. [Note: This change will be incorporated in the 2009-2010 Graduate Catalog following State Department of Education approval.]
4. Student #2 - Request for Extension of 8 year Rule
Dr. Gossett presented the student's request. After review of the documents provided, the Council recommended that the extension be approved through July 31, 2008. Dr. Manners motioned to approve with the above condition. Dr. Rosell seconded. Motion approved with one member abstaining.
5. Student #3 – Request for Extension of 8 year Rule
Dr. Gossett presented the student's request. After a lengthy discussion, the Council recommended that the request be tabled. The Council needed more detailed information with regard to the specific courses to be extended and the date that would be recommended by the College Review Committee. Dr. Knapp motioned to table the request pending the requested information. Dr. Green seconded. Motion approved.

Information Items:

1. MSPSE Music Industry – Area of Interest

Meeting adjourned at 2:35PM. The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2008.
