

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**August 20, 2009**

**MEMBERS:**

| Name                        | Present | Absent | Name                          | Present | Absent |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|-------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Cherie Fretwell, Chair      | X       |        | Dabney McKenzie (vtel)        | X       |        |
| Catherine Allard            |         | X      | Fred Meine                    | X       |        |
| Geraldine Allen             |         | X      | Jan Oliver                    | X       |        |
| Lynn Boyd (vtel)            | X       |        | Dan Puckett                   |         | X      |
| Frank Browning (vtel)       | X       |        | Jim Rinehart                  |         | X      |
| Andrew Creamer              | X       |        | Ellen Rosell                  | X       |        |
| Mark Gaddis (vtel)          | X       |        | Robert Saunders (telephone)   | X       |        |
| Fred Green                  | X       |        | Jim Simpson (vtel)            | X       |        |
| William Heisler (telephone) | X       |        | Dr. Dianne Barron, ex officio |         | X      |
| Lorraine Magrath            | X       |        |                               |         |        |

GUESTS: Dr. Patsy Riley for Dr. Geraldine Allen, Dr. Bill Grantham for Dr. Jim Rinehart, Dr. Scott Bailey, Dr. Ed Merkel, Darlene Stewart, Brenda Campbell

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Barron called the meeting to order. She asked the committee to consider nominees for Chair of the Graduate Council. Dr. Green made the nomination to keep Dr. Fretwell as the Chair. Dr. Creamer seconded the nomination. Dr. Barron asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. Dr. Barron asked for a show of hands to keep Dr. Fretwell as the Chair. The vote was unanimous to keep Dr. Fretwell as Chair of the Graduate Council.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

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

**III. Approval of Minutes of April 30, 2009 (including web version)**

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

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

Dr. Barron reported on the University's response to the SACS on-site visit related to research and Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.4. The University has affirmed that it has a mission-driven interest in research across the institution and its commitment to the promotion and assessment of faculty and student research. To accomplish these interests and activities, the University will elevate faculty research expectations and outcomes as appropriate to its mission and ensure intellectual inquiry opportunities for student research across the curriculum. A process for the assessment of research has been defined for the institution and will be integrated into the new Homer assessment system. As a doctoral institution, Troy University faculty and students can anticipate greater institutional research expectations in the future.

Special congratulations to Dr. Rosell and the MPA faculty for their success in achieving NASPAA accreditation for the Master of Public Administration program.

**V. Business Items**Sorrell College of Business

1. SCOB Standalone Foundation Courses for the MBA, MSM, and MSHRM Degree Programs

Dr. Scott Bailey presented the SCOB's proposal for the Standalone Foundation Courses for the MBA, MSM, and MSHRM Degree Programs. The SCOB requested that the eight areas that form the master's level foundation courses for the MBA, MSM, and MSHRM programs be broken out into individual courses to be offered only online. The four 5500 level foundation courses will continue to be offered both in class and online: BUS 5502, 5503, 5504, 5505. Each of the eight foundation courses will be self-paced offering credit of 1.5 semester hour credit per course, be offered at a lower cost and provide greater flexibility for the graduate business student. The 5500 courses will also continue to be offered. After a brief discussion, Dr. Heisler motioned to approve the request. Dr. Green seconded. Motion approved.

2. Student #1—Extension of eight-year waiver

Dr. Barron presented Student #1's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. She advised the council that Student #1 had completed all degree requirements for graduation; approval of this request would allow his degree to be conferred and posted. Following a very short discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the request. Dr. Green seconded. Motion approved.

College of Education

1. Proposed new courses for Collaborative 6-12 program

Dr. Oliver presented the COE's proposal for new course numbers to reflect the 6-12 Secondary Collaborative Program. After a brief discussion, Dr. Green motioned to accept the request. Dr. Rosell seconded. Motion approved.

2. Student #2—Extension of eight-year waiver

Dr. Creamer presented Student #2's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He also presented the College of Education's recommendation of a December 31, 2009 completion date. After a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the request with the COE's recommended completion date. Dr. Rosell seconded the motion. Motion approved.

3. Student #3—Extension of eight-year waiver

Dr. Oliver presented Student #3's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He also presented the College of Education's recommendation of a May 31, 2010 completion date. After a short discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the request with the COE's recommended completion date. Dr. Creamer seconded. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Council is September 17, 2009 in the General Academics Building, Room 330.