

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**(Web Version)**  
**February 16, 2012**

**MEMBERS:**

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Cherie Fretwell, Chair	X		Fred Meine	X	
Rhonda Bowron		X*	Diane Orlofsky	X	
Lynn Boyd (vtel)	X		Irem Ozkarahan		X
Andrew Creamer (telephone)	X		Patsy Riley (vtel)	X	
Dianne Eppler (vtel)	X		Robert Saunders (telephone)	X	
Mark Gaddis (vtel)	X		Jim Simpson	X	
Maureen Hannay (telephone)	X		Isabelle Warren	X	
Charles Krupnick	X		Murray Widener		X*
Christina Martin	X		Dr. Dianne Barron, ex officio	X	
Dabney McKenzie (vtel)	X		Dr. Janet McNellis, ex officio	X	

X\*--absent with notice

GUESTS: Dr. Ed Merkel, Dr. Glen Cohen, Diane Porter, Dr. Loraine Magrath, Dr. Janet Gaston, Dr. Lesa Shepard, Bill Zhong, Tamara Jones

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Fretwell called the meeting to order.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Meine moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Martin seconded. The motion was approved.

**III. Approval of Minutes (to include the Web Version) of January 19, 2011**

Dr. Martin motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Warren seconded. The motion was approved.

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

Dr. Barron encouraged each college to have any curriculum changes proposals turned in so that they would make the March agenda. She stated that due to the number of new programs and significant changes for AY 2012-2013 that are on the June ACHE Commission agenda may result in a delayed publication of the Graduate Catalog.

**V. Business Items**

College of Arts and Sciences

1. Student #1—Request for Extension of the Eight-year Rule

Dr. Charles Krupnick presented the students' request for an extension of the eight-year rule. He advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension with the stipulations that he meet the requirements of the 2009-2010 Graduate catalog and complete two additional advisor approved electives, maintain a 3.0 GPA and successfully complete the comprehensive examination. The College of Arts and Sciences committee recommended a completion date of December 31, 2012. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Orlofsky seconded. The motion was approved.

2. Proposal to add a new course, BIO 66XX: Principles and Methods for the Teaching Assistant, as an a elective in the MS of EBS program  
Dr. Janet Gaston presented the College of Arts and Sciences proposal to add a new course as an elective in the Master of Science in Environmental and Biological Science degree program. She stated that BIO 66XX: Principles and Methods for the Teaching Assistant will provide each student with significant “hands-on” experiences in college level instruction and assist GA’s in developing the knowledge and skills lab instructors need to implement inquiry-based instruction. The Teacher of Record will serve as a mentor and will directly supervise students as they are trained in laboratory preparation techniques, laboratory safety techniques, current presentations, and teaching methods of laboratory-based biology. After a short discussion, Dr. Warren motioned to approve the proposal.  
Dr. Meine seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
3. Proposal to change prerequisites for BIO 6630 and BIO L630  
Dr. Glen Cohen presented the College of Arts and Sciences proposal to change prerequisites for BIO 6630 and BIO L630. The proposal would separate the lecture and lab as co-requisites for each other. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Krupnick motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
4. Proposal to add a new concentration in Environmental Policy to the MS EBS Program  
Dr. Glen Cohen presented the College of Arts and Sciences proposal to add a new concentration to the Master of Science in Environmental and Biological Science degree program. The addition of a new concentration, Environmental Policy, will add a new dimension to the Master of Science in Environmental and Biological Sciences program by appealing to a larger geographic and demographic base of student. This concentration will be taught on campus and will be offered via eTROY. Students completing the MS program with this new concentration would be good candidates for careers in environmental policy as well as pursuing further graduate studies and/or pursuing a degree in environmental law. After a short discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Warren seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
5. Proposal to delete courses from the Graduate Catalog  
Dr. Janet Gaston presented the College of Arts and Sciences proposal to delete BIO 6620: Field Protistology, EBS 6620: Field Protistology , BIO 6664: Restoration Ecology, and EBS 6664: Restoration Ecology from the Graduate Catalog. She stated that these courses have not been taught for many years due to a lack of interest from our graduate students. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Krupnick motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
6. Proposal to add five elective courses to the MS in Computer Science degree program  
Mr. Bill Zhong presented the College of Arts and Sciences proposal to add five elective courses to the Master of Science in Computer Science degree program. He stated that in the fast changing world of technology, it is important that the curriculum reflect current trends and areas of interest. The proposed courses include: CS 6XXX:

Network Security, CS 6XXX: Computer Graphics, CS 6XXX: High Performance Computing, CS 6XXX: Special Topics in Game Design, and CS 6XXX: Algorithmic Graph Theory. After a short discussion, Dr. Orlofsky motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

7. Proposal for changes to the MSIR program

Dr. Charles Krupnick presented the College of Arts and Sciences proposal for

**a.** Changes to the Master of Science in International Relations degree program. The first change will be the **rewording of the form title from Requirements for Admission to Candidacy to “Graduate Degree Plan and Progress Report”**.

**b.** The change also **removes the requirement for a 3.00 GPA for admission to candidacy**. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve this part of the proposal. Dr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**c.** Dr. Krupnick presented the proposal for the **addition of an “Africa and Middle East” regional group to the Regional Affairs Concentration**. The regional group has been crafted from courses already offered in the MSIR program, with the addition of graduate level courses on the histories of Africa and the Middle East. The new group will help keep the MSIR program relevant to current world events and provide an attractive option for potential applicants from the civilian and military communities. After a short discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Warren seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**d.** Dr. Krupnick presented the proposal for **rewording of the course description for IR 6660: Military Strategy and International Relations** to better describe the focus of the course and reflect what is currently being taught in the course. The change would read as follows:

IR 6660: Military Strategy and International Relations (3)

An examination of the core ideas of classical and contemporary military strategists, the international context that inspired their strategic concepts, and a review of the interaction and influence of armed forces and their leadership and strategies on national security policies and international relationships.

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Warren seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**e.** Dr. Krupnick presented the curriculum course description update for **IR 66XX: Environmental Security, Conflict and Development**. The course updates the curriculum to reflect an important contemporary challenge in international relations. The course description will read:

IR 66XX: Environmental Security, Conflict and Development (3)

An analysis of how environmental issues such as resource scarcity, desertification, loss of biodiversity, global warming, etc., may influence development and/or affect the national security of nation-states, communities, and individuals. The course also examines the evolution and function of global environmental governance institutions including international organizations (IGOs), transnational non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and legal/regulatory structures.

After a short discussion, Dr. Orlofsky motioned to approve the proposal.

Dr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

8. Proposal for changes to the MPA program

Dr. Krupnick presented the College of Arts and Sciences proposal for changes to the Master of Public Administration degree program.

a. The first change will be to **change the Admission Requirements so applicants with a master's or higher degree are not required to submit test scores (GRE, MAT, or GMAT)**; in addition a note will be added concerning Transient Admission procedures. **The new Admission Requirements for Master of Public Administration will read:**

**To apply for admission to the Master of Public Administration program, applicants must submit the following material to the relevant Troy University address specified in the *Graduate Catalog's* General Regulations section under "Pre Admission Procedures Application Forms":**

- 1. Completed application form;**
- 2. Official transcript(s) from all universities attended;**
- 3. Official copy of GRE, MAT, or GMAT scores;**
- 4. A letter of recommendation that addresses the applicant's potential for success in professional graduate studies and public service;**
- 5. A 500 word essay addressing the applicant's professional goals, readiness, and potential for completing the MPA program; and**
- 6. A resume listing professional experience, certifications, and other preparation.**

**Except for holders of an MPA/MPP degree from a NASPAA accredited program, the MPA admission requirements apply to all MPA program applicants.**

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Warren seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

b. Dr. Krupnick presented the College of Arts and Sciences proposal for **rewording of the form title from Requirements for Admission to Candidacy to "Graduate Degree Plan and Progress Report"**.

c. The change also **removes the requirement for a 3.00 GPA for admission to candidacy**. After a short discussion, Dr. Warren motioned to approve this part of the proposal. Dr. Meine seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

d. Dr. Krupnick presented the College of Arts and Sciences proposal **clarifying MPA program research requirements**. The proposed Research Requirement reads:

Research Requirement

All graduate programs require certification of the student's ability to do research in a specialization. For the MPA program, this requirement is met by achieving a grade of "B" or better in PA 6601. Students must repeat PA 6601 if a grade of "C" or below is attained.

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

e. Dr. Krupnick presented the College of Arts and Sciences proposal specifying that **students must take PA 6601: Research Methods in Public Administration prior to taking PA 6631: Program Evaluation**. This proposal will change the sequencing of

PA 6601: Research Methods in Public Administration and PA 6631: Program Evaluation signifying that PA 6601: Research Methods in Public Administration must be taken prior to PA 6631: Program Evaluation. This would require a change to the course description for PA 6631 to read:

PA 6631: Program Evaluation (3)

An overview of the theoretical foundations and techniques of program evaluation in including need assessments, outcome evaluations, survey, and program outcome(s) and impact evaluation(s). *Prerequisite: PA 6601*

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Warren motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Meine seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

f. Dr. Krupnick presented the College of Arts and Sciences proposal to **delete the Education and Environmental Management concentrations**. He stated that both are undersubscribed.

He also stated that due to emerging National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) program requirements to specify student learning objectives and other characteristics of core and concentration courses, it would be advantageous to remove these low interest concentrations. After a short discussion, Dr. Meine motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

#### Sorrell College of Business

1. Student #2- Request for an Extension of the Eight-year Rule

Dr. Ed Merkel presented the students' request for an extension of the eight-year rule. He advised that the Sorrell College of Business had reviewed the request and recommended a denial. After a lengthy discussion, Dr. Warren motioned to reject the Sorrell College of Business's recommendation and approve the request as the student has completed all degree requirements. A complete degree audit will be preformed and a course substitution will have to be approved prior to awarding a degree. Dr. Eppler seconded the motion. Student's request was approved.

2. Proposal for curriculum change to the MBA-Accounting Option program

Dr. Loraine Magrath presented the Sorrell College of Business's proposal to add one course, ACT 6689: Professional Certification, and change elective status for two other courses. Following a lengthy discussion, Dr. Martin motioned to table the proposal to add ACT 6689: Professional Certification to the MBA-Accounting Option until clarification of the grading scale could be obtained and approve the proposal to change the status to elective for ACT 6696: Accounting Information Systems and ATC 6699: Contemporary Issues in Accounting. Dr. Krupnick seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

#### College of Education

1. Student #3- Request for an Extension of the Eight-year Rule

Dr. Andrew Creamer presented the students' request for an extension of the eight-year rule. He advised that the College of Education's academic review committee had recommended an approval of the request with a completion date of Term 5, 2012.

After a short discussion, Dr. Warren motioned to approve the request with a completion date of July 31, 2012. Dr. Meine seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Council is March 15, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in Patterson Hall, room 330. The meeting date will need to be adjusted in March to account for Spring Break.