

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
September 25, 2008

MEMBERS:

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

GUESTS: Dr. Ellen Rosell
 Dr. Ed Merkel
 Dr. Charles Crupnick
 Dr. Kaye Sheridan
 Tamara Jones

I. Call to Order

Dr. Barron called the meeting to order

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2008 (including web version)

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

IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Barron reported that the Troy University SACS Reaffirmation report and the Doctorate of Nursing Practice Level Change document was completed and mailed to Atlanta in early September. The Graduate Council will have additional new Catalog items to review that are related to the addition of the DNP. There will be program changes to the Education Leadership program this fall. Dr. Barron asked if anyone knew of any other program changes. Dr. Rinehart stated that there was a proposal from the Master of Science in Criminal Justice concerning a concentration in Homeland Security as well as other elements. Dr. Barron advised that program changes that are reviewed by ACHE may be challenging. Dr. Sheridan asked if Dr. Barron had been notified of the Sorrell College of Business' proposal for the Master of Tax program. Dr. Barron advised that a critical element for new program approval is proof of program need and sustainable demand.

Dr. Barron asked for nominations for Chair of the Graduate Council. Dr. David Shetterly nominated Dr. Cherie Fretwell. There were no other nominations. The council approved the nomination and elected Dr. Fretwell unanimously to serve as Chair of the Council for the AY 2008-2009. The meeting was then turned over to Dr. Fretwell. Dr. Fretwell asked members and guests to introduce themselves.

V. Business ItemsCollege of Arts and Sciences

1. Master of Public Administration program requests to eliminate Professional Military Education courses as transfer credit for core courses. Dr. Rosell explained that the Master of Public Administration is undergoing accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). One item of concern that was expressed by the NASPAA review committee was the acceptance of Professional Military Education credit in transfer for core courses in the MPA program. The MPA Program will continue to accept PME credit in transfer for Public Administration concentration courses, but not as core course credit. After a brief discussion, Dr. Shetterly motioned to approve. Dr. Browning seconded. Motion approved.

Sorrell College of Business

1. Student #1—Request for extension of eight-year rule
Dr. Merkel introduced the request and the letter from Dr. Hines recommending that the extension be allowed with the stipulation that the student must complete his/her degree by the end of Term 3, 2009 (March 2009). Dr. Gaddis motioned to accept the request. Dr. Green seconded. Motion approved.
2. Student #2—Request for extension of eight-year rule
Dr. Merkel introduced the request, noting that the coursework in question was 17 years old, and the SCOB committee recommended denial of the request. After a brief discussion, Dr. Moore motioned to deny the request. Dr. Allen seconded. Motion denied.
3. Student #3—Request for extension of eight-year rule
Dr. Merkel introduced the request, noting that the student request would allow 50% of the degree to be greater than 8 years with a less than 3.0 GPA. He noted that the SCOB committee recommended denial of the request. After a brief discussion, Dr. Rinehart motioned to deny the request. Dr. Green seconded. Motion denied.

College of Education

1. Change of Substance Abuse 5000-Level Courses to 6000-Level Courses.
Dr. Creamer introduced the request to change three Substance Abuse courses from a 5000-Level course to a 6000-Level course. There was a discussion last month concerning the justification of the level change without specific additional requirements added to the courses. Dr. Creamer noted the additional curriculum changes made to the 6000-Level courses. Dr. Barron noted that there is a need to block students who had taken the class(es) at the 5000-Level from taking the course at the 6000-Level. Ms. Tamara Jones advised that Datatel could be used to equate the courses to prevent the student from taking the class(es) again. Dr. Green motioned to approve. Dr. Knapp seconded. Motion approved.

Information Items

1. Change in meeting time for November 20, 2008 meeting to 3:30 p.m. in the General Academic Building (GAB Room 330).
2. Master of Science in International Relations will be offered at our Langley Air Force Base location in Virginia effective October 1, 2008.
3. New off-campus instructional site at Troy University, 116 West First Street, Sanford, FL 32771.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15PM. The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.