

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
Minutes of the Meeting  
March 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Dean Judith Walker de Felix. Members in attendance: Michael Bahr, Carl Bassi, Cynthia Dupureur, Anne Fish, Alan Heisel, Beth Huebner, David Kimball, Stephen Moehrle, Martin Pelikan, David Ronen, Shawn Woodhouse, Loren McLane, graduate assistant.. Members absent: Sally Ebest, Teresa Guess (sabbatical), Baorong Guo, Wendy Olivas.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the February 19, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

II. Program Proposals – Loren McLane

MFA in Creative Writing (change). Drop requirement to take one course outside of the student's chosen genre. Add a literary journal editing course as a requirement since students were already enrolling in the course. Other changes conform to MFA programs nationwide, including and especially the thesis hours and craft classes (5170 "Techniques, Methods and Effects in Fiction Writing" and 5180 "Form and Theory of Poetry Writing").

Council requested that clarifications be made to the rationale and approved the MFA changes.

III. Curriculum Report – Loren McLane

The following course changes, additions, and deletions are recommended for approval:

CS 5010	Enterprise Web Development (change)
CS 5030	Intelligent Web (add)
CS 5340	Machine Learning (change T, P, D)
CS 5500	Software Engineering (change P, D)
CS 5420	Digital Image Processing (change T, P, D)
CS 5520	Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (change P, D)
CS 5540	Software Systems Architectures (drop)
CS 5560	Software Development Processes (drop)
CS 5620	Intelligent Information Retrieval (change)
CS 5740	High Performance Computing (change T, P, D)
Int Bus 4281	Entrepreneurship in the Global Environment (add)
SW 4641	Crisis Intervention (add)
SW 4642	Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (add)
SW 4645	Social Work in Mental Health (add)
SW 4680	Introduction to Gerontological Practice (add)

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Council accepted and approved the report.

IV. Recruitment Fellowships

Council reviewed four fellowship applications from the department of Psychology, Applied Mathematics and Biology. All are approved for funding since we have already had some decline the award. We have 4 slots for next year and there is only one outstanding offer remaining.

V. Dean's Report

The Graduate Program Directors are working on a proposal to define their role. It will be submitted to Council in April.

The Dean distributed a handout from Council of Graduate Schools entitled "Open Doors with a Doctorate". Additional copies are available from the Graduate School.

Marketing Initiative. There will be a mock up of the new website on the UMSL home page soon.

Retention Initiative. This was mentioned at the Faculty Senate. 1700 students didn't return to campus and only 300 of them didn't due to their academic status. Suggestions: faculty mentors for undergraduates; tutors; use of Center for Student Success; recruit better students; boost graduate GPA requirement to get better students who won't struggle in the program.

Discussion of Community College students, NESE scores, Associate Dean for extended learning – on-line education

VI. Other Business

Dr. Irem Steen, Assistant Teaching Professor in Philosophy, was appointed to the Graduate Faculty.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m. The next and final meeting for the semester is scheduled for Friday, April 9, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Heckel for  
Teresa Guess, Secretary and Vice-Chairperson