

Graduate Council
Minutes of the Meeting
November 16, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Dean Judith Walker de Felix. Members in attendance: Michael Bahr, Cynthia Dupureur, Sally Ebest, Teresa Guess, Bill Kyle, Bobbie Lee for Ruth Jenkins, Stephen Moehrle, Wendy Olivas, David Rosen. Members absent: Richard Rosenfeld, Michael Murray, Carl Bassi, Haiyan Cai, David Kimball. Susan Kashubeck-West is on leave for fall 2007.

Dean Felix introduced Jamie Campbell, GRA for curriculum and instruction. Jamie is a Master's student in Political Science and will be working with the Graduate Council and Senate C & I on course proposals.

I. Minutes

The minutes were approved with one correction. Information on the outcome of previous courses on hold will be included.

II. Updates

- The campus' MAGS nomination for thesis was submitted last month.
- We have not received any nominations for Bridge Fellowships.

III. Curriculum Course Proposal

The following course proposals are recommended for approval:

- Physics 4306 "Nanoscience Practicals" – change title, description
- Art Ed 5590 "Special Study in Art Education" – NEW
- Art Ed 5588 "Museum Education and Visitor Research" – change description, curricular designation
- Psych 4380 "Psychology of Death, Dying and End-of-Life Concerns – DROP

Council unanimously approved the report.

IV. Review of Program Proposal

The College of Education recommends the Graduate Certificate in School Psychology be placed on inactive status. The College initiated the graduate certificate some years ago for graduate students who needed certification requirements beyond the M.Ed. for DESE and for the national board examination. Now that the Ed.S. in School Psychology is in place, the College no longer accepts students into the graduate certificate program. In the future, the graduate

certificate may be appropriate for students in out-state Missouri who need certification in school psychology. Council unanimously approved the proposal.

V. Revision to section 4.2 of the Graduate School Policies

Rationale: It has been the practice of the Graduate School that only degree-seeking students in good academic standing be hired as GI, GTA, GRA, or GA. The practice is outlined in the Graduate Student handbook but not in the policies. Non-degree students have been denied GTA/GRA positions and those who are on probation for more than one semester have been denied tuition benefits. Adding this statement would put our practice into the official policies.

REVISION TO POLICIES:

4.2. Graduate Academic Appointments

Graduate students may hold one of three academic appointments: Graduate Instructor, Graduate Teaching Assistant, or Graduate Research Assistant. **To hold a graduate assistantship, students must be admitted to a degree program and must be enrolled and making satisfactory progress (at least 3.0 GPA) toward the degree.** The term of all assignments is normally one week prior to the first day of class to the last day of the semester for each semester of employment.

After discussion and motions to change the wording, the following revision was approved and will be disseminated to the Graduate Faculty. (Addendum: Graduate School updated the number and types of academic appointments to include “Graduate Assistant”.)

APPROVED CHANGE IN WORDING

4.2. Graduate Academic Appointments

Graduate students may hold one of four academic appointments: Graduate Instructor, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Graduate Research Assistant and Graduate Assistant. To hold a graduate academic appointment, students must be admitted to a degree or certificate program and must be enrolled and making satisfactory progress (at least 3.0 GPA) toward the degree or certificate program. The term of all assignments is normally one week prior to the first day of class to the last day of the semester for each semester of employment.

VI. Graduate Research Fair

We are still looking for faculty to judge at the April 2008 Graduate Research Fair. Council suggested this request be disseminated to the graduate faculty list serve and placed on My Gateway.

VII. Other business

Doctoral Dissertation Policies – Dr. Bobbie Lee was present to discuss and answer questions about the proposal from the College of Nursing regarding the

DNP – Doctor of Nursing Practice. Dr. Lee provided a handout which showed the differences between a Ph.D. and a DNP.

There has been a professional Nursing doctorate, the NP, on the books since 1993 but have had no students. CBHE allowed the three campuses of the UM System to change the title of the NP to a DNP without going through the arduous approval process.

The Graduate School policies don't meet the DNP requirements of Nursing's professional accrediting body, CCNE. The organization will not permit a dissertation as part of the DNP because this is intended to lead to enhancements to the profession through the application of research to nursing practices. DNP students complete a final scholarly project in which they evaluate research related to the profession.

The dean has proposed changes to the Graduate School doctoral policies so that the DNP will be accepted by Nursing's accrediting body. The major change is to add an alternative of a final scholarly project in section 9.11.

Based on discussion, Dr. Kyle suggested that no action needs to be taken. Leave the notion of a dissertation to whatever the dissertation is for a DNP, Ed.D. degree. The requirement should be discipline specific. Dean Felix asked Council to look at the current policies. If Council decides the policies need to be changed, the issue will be revisited at the January meeting.

College of Education proposal. The Dean met with college faculty to discuss the official graduation date for Ph.D.s. They proposed to change the diploma date from the commencement ceremony to the date all requirements are met for each student. PhD Counseling (in education and clinical psychology) students are running into a problem with their official graduation date. That date is used as the start of post-degree requirements for full licensure. If they complete requirements within the semester but the graduation date is months later, any work from the time of their degree completion to the graduation date is not allowed for the post-degree requirement as set by the State.

No change can be effected because the Board of Curators sets the official graduation date. The only option might be to discuss the issue on campus and bring it to the Intercampus Faculty Council. Other Council members felt students should be responsible for finishing their work and graduation in a timely matter so this wouldn't be an issue.

There will not be a December meeting of the Council. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Guess
Vice-Chairperson and Secretary

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