

GRADUATE COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Meeting  
September 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Dean Judith Walker de Felix. Members in attendance were: Michael Bahr, Carl Bassi, Cynthia Dupureur, Sally Ebest, Anne Fish, Teresa Guess, Baorong Guo, Alan Heisel, Beth Huebner, Stephen Moehrle, Wendy Olivas, Martin Pelikan, and David Ronen. Excused absence: David Kimball

I. Introductions

Graduate Council members introduced themselves. Dean Felix introduced Loren McLane, the Council's Graduate Assistant for curriculum and program proposal reviews. Loren is also trying to start a Graduate Student Association on campus. Using facebook, twitter and offering a group happy hour/get together are ways to get started.

II. Minutes

The minutes of the April 3, 2009 meeting were approved.

III. Election of a Secretary/Vice Chairperson

Dr. Teresa Guess was approved unanimously to serve as Secretary-Vice Chairperson.

IV. Curriculum and Instruction Report

Council reviewed and approved the following course proposals.

<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Proposed Changes</b>
Pol Sci 4060	Theory of Decision and Games	Change: Prerequisite, Description
Pol Sci 5060	Theory of Decision and Games	Add
Econ 4700	Urban and Regional Economics	Change: Number, Description
Anthro 4301	Ideas and Explanations in Anthropology	Change: Prerequisite
Acctng 5406	Research and Professional Writing and Accounting	Add
Acctng 5408	Fraud Examination	Add
Acctng 5411	Cost Systems Analysis	Change: Title
Acctng 5412	Seminar in Controllershship	Change: Title
Ele Ed 6411	Curricular Issues in Early Childhood and Elementary Programs	Change: Prerequisite
Adu Ed 6419	Developing Intercultural Competence	Add
Spec Ed 6325	Advanced Studies in Classroom & Behavior Management	Change: Title

Spec Ed 345	Characteristics and Education of Students with High Incidence Disabilities	Change: Title, Description
Spec Ed 6346	Reading Instruction and Intervention in Special Education	Change: Number, Prerequisite, Description
Spec Ed 6349	Education of Learners with Cross Categorical Disabilities	Drop
Spec Ed 6410	Families and Schools in Inclusive Communities	Drop
Spec Ed 6411	Law, Policy, and Bureaucracy in Education and Disability Studies	Drop
Spec Ed 6430	Characteristics and Education of Students with Low Incidence Disabilities	Change: Title, Description
Spec Ed 6431	Education of Learners with Developmental Disabilities	Drop
Spec Ed 6435	Schoolwide Systems of Positive Behavior Support	Drop
Spec Ed 6437	Individual and Schoolwide Systems of Positive Behavior Support	Change: Number, Title, Description
Spec Ed 6441	Instructional Methods for Exceptional Learners	Drop
Spec Ed 6443	Characteristics and Education of Students with Learning Disabilities	Change: Title
Spec Ed 6444	Education of Learners with Learning Disabilities	Drop
Spec Ed 6450	Characteristics and Education of Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disorders	Change: Title
Spec Ed 6452	Education of Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities	Drop
Spec Ed 6610	Foundations of Autism Spectrum Disorder: Research to Practice	Add
Spec Ed 6620	Assessment and Interventions for Children and Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder	Add

V. Program Proposals

Council reviewed the following program proposals:

**M.Ed. in Special Education** – change

Rationale: General special education coursework reduced from 12 hours to 9. More hours allow for the focus on specialized skill sets that improve professional competencies for each of the three areas of coursework. Other changes included.

-Spec Ed 6325, name change more accurate of course content

-Spec Ed 6441 absorbed into Spec Ed 6345 due to redundancy of course

- 6 increased to 9 hours of concentration area coursework to make up for reduction in generalized course requirements.

-New wording to help students understand what is necessary the new concentration area.

- (And many more listed under the 'Rationale' section of the program proposal form)

**Council action:** Approved

**Master of Accounting - Change**

Rationale: Acctg 5402 moved to proper graduate section. New research course, Acctg 5406, Research and Professional Writing, added for student choice. Additional seminar choice, Acctg 5412, Seminar in Controllershship added, and 5403 drops 'theory' to title. 5402 added as an elective, 5406 and 5408 added as new courses. Name changes for 5403, 5412, and 5491.

**Council action:** Approved

**M.Ed. in Counseling – Change**

Rationale: Ed Rem 6709 Deleted. Content very similar to Cns Ed 6050, which is already a degree requirement. Council for Accreditation does not require two psychometrics courses. This will free one additional elective to add to their clinical training and broaden their skills, such as marriage and family therapy, addictions, etc. "Master of Education in Community Counseling-Overview" moved farther down in program listing to improve logical flow of the section. (Now after Master of Education: Emphasis in Secondary School Counseling)

**Council action:** Approved

**M.S.N. Nursing and Post-MSN Graduate Certificate Program - Change**

Rationale: Changed number of required credit hours for nurse educator students to 41 from 38. Courses for pediatric nurse practitioner students added. These courses are already in the bulletin, but where not listed in the degree requirements. The Commission for Collegiate Nursing Education requires that both the MSN and Post-MSN Graduate Certificate areas be listed on graduates' transcripts. Changes are now made for the Post-MSN Graduate Certificates to satisfy this requirement ahead of the CCNE accreditation scheduled for November 2009.

**Council action:** Approved pending dividing up the MSN and Post-MSN Graduate certificate into two Senate forms.

Council deferred action on the **Graduate Certificate in Autism**. They suggest that an explanation of the graduate certificate be included in the proposal and not just a listing of courses. Information should be included that would appear in the Bulletin.

VI. Recruitment Fellowships

Graduate Council held over 2 recruitment fellowships to be awarded to new students who will start their program in Spring 2010. In discussing the deadline

for fellowships, Council decided to have a rolling deadline since we've had a difficult time finding candidates to accept the awards.

## VII. Dean's Report

*PEO Scholars* is an international women's organization which awards scholarships based on a graduate student's scholarly work which was completed within the last two years. PEO will nominate the students but you need to send your nominations to a PEO representative. The dean will distribute this information to the Graduate Program Directors.

The campus is updating its Strategic Plan/Gateway for Greatness. The plan is working on recruitment and retention of students, increasing stipends, and working on a marketing plan with various campus committees. A marketing research company will prepare a survey to determine how well we are doing.

Council comments:

- There are still no signs on south campus roads showing the location of the College of Nursing.
- It would be helpful to have # of applications by college, area, undergraduate GPA, % scores on standardized tests, undergraduate degree, and disposition of admission. The Graduate School's GA, Srikanth Mudigonda, can help with this request.
- Our websites don't have the same information, especially regarding requirements for admission to particular degree programs.
- Branding. We need to highlight our faculty research in a positive way. Many undergraduate students want to come here and work on a research project. We need to showcase how our research is applied off-campus.

*Five-Year Reviews.* The dean would like all members of Council to participate in a review of a unit's 5 year review.

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for Friday, October 16.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Guess  
Secretary and Vice-Chairperson

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