

GRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting
March 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Dean Judith Walker de Felix. Members in attendance: Michael Griffin, Alan Heisel, Kuei-Hsiang Hsueh, Paulette Isaac-Savage, Susan Kashubeck-West, David Kimball, Haitao Li, Michael Nichols, William Rogers, Ann Steffen, Pamela Stuerke, Ben Torbert, Wendy Olivas, Michael Campbell for Beth Huebner., Wes Harris, Associate Dean. Member absent: Carl Bassi.

I. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the February 21, 2014 meeting were approved.

II. Graduate Council elections

The College deans' offices have been notified of vacancies that need to be filled for next year's Council. The open positions are: one in nursing, one in business, two in social sciences, and one in math/natural sciences.

III. Recruitment Fellowships

Council reviewed nine nominations for Graduate School Doctoral Recruitment Fellowships and we were able to award seven. Awards were given to nominees in Biology, Chemistry, Political Science, Clinical Psychology, B/N Psychology, Business and Education Counseling.

Council suggested setting a minimum 50th percentile for GRE scores and a minimum GPA and include the information in the guidelines for the Graduate Program Directors.

IV. Dissertation Fellowships

The procedure for how and who should vote was discussed. It was decided that each individual should decide if they feel comfortable voting either for their own candidate or a candidate within their department. Council also noted that the Business candidate had GMAT scores but no GRE scores. All doctoral programs require GRE scores. If the GMAT is to be accepted in lieu of the GRE, then our policies may need to be changed.

Council was asked to rank the top four candidates. Awards were distributed as follows: Vincenzo Ellis, Biology – full year fellowship; Paul Gontarz, Chemistry – one semester fellowship; John D'Attoma, Political Science – one semester fellowship.

V. Curriculum Proposals

The following course proposals were reviewed and approved as submitted:

Cmp Sci 4280 Program Translation (change P)

Cmp Sci 4500	Introduction to the Software Profession (change T)
Ech Ed 5898	Practicum I: Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Special Education Site Based Experience (new)
Ech Ed 5990	Practicum II: Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Special Education Site Based Experience (new)
Ele Ed 5989	Practicum I: Elementary/Special Education Site Based Experience (new)
Ele Ed 5990	Practicum II: Elementary/Special Education Site Based Experience (new)
Ele Ed 5992	Practicum I: Elementary/Special Education TESOL Site Based Experience (new)
Ele Ed 5993	Practicum II: Elementary/Special Education TESOL Site Based Experience (new)
Ele Ed 5994	Practicum I: Elementary/TESOL Site Based Experience (new)
Ele Ed 5995	Practicum II: Elementary/TESOL Site Based Experience (new)
Eng 4510	Early Romantic Poetry and Prose (drop)
Hlth PE 5989	Physical Education Professional Internship (new)
Hlth PE 5990	Practicum II: Health and Physical Education, PK-6 (new)
Hlth PE 5991	Practicum II: Health and Physical Education, Grades 5-9 (new)
Hlth PE 5992	Practicum II: Health and Physical Education, Grades 9 – 12 (new)
Psych 4372	Introduction to Social Neuroscience (new)
Sec Ed 5989	Practicum I: Site Based Experience (new)
Sec Ed 5990	Practicum II: Site Based Experience (new)

Council gave provisional approval pending addition of prerequisites for the following courses.

Ed Fnd 6430	Critical Race Theory in Education (new)
Ed Fnd 6431	History of African American Education (new)
Ed Rem 7740	Historical Research Methods in Education (new)
Eng 4520	Romantic Poetry and Prose (change T, D)

VI. Program Proposals

Council reviewed and approved the following program proposals:

Master of Music Education (change)
M.S. Biochemistry and Biotechnology (change)
M.S. Biology (change)

The following program proposals were provisionally approved pending changes:

Graduate Certificate in Social Justice – change title to “Graduate Certificate in Social Justice Education” for clarification. Obtain sign-offs from Social Work, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Philosophy and possibly Gender Studies.

BS/MS Dual Degree Program in Computer Science and BA/BS and MA Dual Degree program in Mathematics

Council recommended removing the phrase 'dual degree' and replacing it with '2+3' to conform to current program titles. ADDENDUM: It was later determined that the dual degree wording was in the title of all other 2+3 programs so the motion was cancelled.

VII. Dean's Report

The Chancellors met in Columbia to discuss their strategic plans. Our campus submitted requests for scholarships, faculty salaries and a match for Express Scripts' interdisciplinary activities. Funding for successful projects will be announced on March 31.

Next year each campus will have 5 students participate in the Graduate Student Leadership Development Program. Our campus will host the first event. We need to think about how to select next year's students and what we want to present when they come to campus – what value is added by the St. Louis campus; what experiences can we bring them? The event lasts 1 ½ days and consists of four sessions. Suggestions were: business/non-profit/government ties; community connections; ties to urban commitment and tie it into the strategic plan.

Changes to the Graduate School policies will be in effect as of 5:00 p.m. today unless we have a request for a meeting.

The meeting ended at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Heckel for
Michael Griffin, Vice-Chairperson
And Secretary