Graduate Council
Minutes of the Meeting
November 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Interim Dean Wesley Harris. Members in attendance: Wilma Calvert, Michael Griffin, Susan Kashubeck-West, Haitao Li, Yiuman Tse, Wendy Olivas, David Kimball, Matthew Taylor, Maris Gillette, William Kyle Jr.

I. Spring 2016 Dissertation Fellowship Awards
The council agreed to award the social sciences fellowship to Raymond Deppen. Raymond was the only applicant from the social sciences.

| Social Sciences | Political Science | Deppen, Raymond | 12076109 |

Due to comparable qualifications, the council agreed to split one fellowship award between the two most qualified natural sciences candidates. One awardee will receive a Spring 2016 fellowship, while the other awardee will receive a Fall 2016 fellowship.

| Natural Sciences | Biology | Harrington, Andrew | 18015015 |
| Natural Sciences | Chemistry | Pistorio, Salvatore | 10265342 |

II. Curriculum Proposals
Changes were approved for the four COMM courses and one COMM program below.

| COMM 6700: Seminar In Mass Communication | halla |
| COMM 6600: Seminar In Strategic Communication in Organizations | halla |
| COMM 6810: New Media and Communication Technology | halla |
| COMM 6800: Seminar In Health Communication | halla |
| COMM-MA: MA in Communication | halla |

The Education PHD program below was approved. Council previously questioned the degree requirements for non-counseling students (listed under foundations).

| EDUC-PHD: PhD in Education | haywoodk |

The Special Education courses below were approved with the suggestion that ‘A’ and ‘B’ be added to the titles. The course titles are identical. The course numbers include ‘A’ and ‘B’, but the titles do not.

| SPEC ED 6315A: Understanding/Implementing Speech & Language Interventions for Spec Needs | finkk |
| SPEC ED 6315B: Understanding/Implementing Speech & Language Interventions for Spec Needs | finkk |
The four courses below were approved.

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<td>PHYSICS 5306: Advanced Nanoscience Practicals</td>
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<td>SPEC ED 6412A: Psychology of Exceptional Children: Legislation</td>
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<td>SPEC ED 6412B: Psychology of Exceptional Children: Exceptionality &amp; Special Education</td>
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<td>TCH ED 5310A: Instructional Design: Lesson Planning for Elementary Education</td>
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III. S/U Policy

The highlighted policy changes below were approved. Council agreed that the policy

7.1. Grades
Faculty teaching graduate courses have complete discretion in assigning grades. S/U and the IP grades may only be used for certain courses (see Sections 7.2 and 7.3).

Point assignments for grades are as follows:
- A = 4.0 points
- A- = 3.7
- B+ = 3.3
- B = 3.0
- B- = 2.7
- C+ = 2.3
- C = 2.0
- C- = 1.7
- F = 0
- EX = Excused
- IP = In Progress
- DL = Delayed
- S/U = A or B equivalent
- FN = Failure/Non Participation

The Graduate School does not recognize a D grade for a course carrying graduate credit. Therefore, grades lower than C- are recorded as F. The satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) option, which is an option for undergraduate students, is not available in courses for graduate credit except those specified in section 7.43.

7.3 S/U Grades
The satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) option is not normally available in courses for graduate credit. S/U grades may be given only for internship, practica, project, and research courses as requested by a school or college, with prior approval from the Graduate Council. Graduate lecture and seminar courses may not be graded on an S/U basis. Courses on the S/U grading system will carry
no points toward calculation of the grade point average. A Satisfactory grade is defined as a grade of at least B-.

Students may transfer credit hours graded on an S/U basis only for the types of courses specified above that can be taken on an S/U basis at UMSL. The transcript for the transfer courses must document that an S grade corresponds to a grade of at least B-. It is the student’s responsibility to provide documentation.

IV. GRE Scores
If an international student does not have official GRE scores, and a program admits regular, the ISS office will change the admit to provisional, then change it back to regular when the official scores are received.

If an international student does not have official GRE scores, and a program admits provisional, the program will need to complete a G-4 form when the official scores are received.

V. Graduate Faculty
There will be a distinction going forward between dissertation committee members and grad faculty. Grad Faculty members are appointed based on credentials. Outside committee members are appointed based on expertise, and if they can benefit the student. A doctorate degree is not necessarily needed to serve as a committee member.

The Graduate School will be more vigilant in ensuring that graduate courses are taught by Grad Faculty.

The meeting ended at 2:45pm