

GRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes of the February 20, 2015 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Dean Judith Walker de Felix. Members in attendance: Wilma Calvert, Maris Gillette, Donald Gouwens, Mike Griffin, Alan Heisel, Beth Huebner, Haitao Li, Susan Kashubeck-West, David Kimball, Wendy Olivas, Donald Sweeney, Ben Torbert, Wes Harris, associate dean. Members absent: Carl Bassi, Adrian Clingher, Matthew Taylor.

I. Discussion of proposed policy changes

Dr. Kathleen Haywood and Dr. Sue Farberman came to discuss collaborative dissertation-in-practice for the Ed.D. and the capstone project for the DNP.

For Education, faculty mentors provide feedback to each student during their program. The feedback is based on the student's individual work and their contribution to the team. Half of the committee will be with the students from start to finish. If there are problems with the student's performance, it will be determined early in the program. Although the final project is multi-authored, each student will have a piece which will be easily identifiable.

The DNP uses a team concept on a specific practice. Much of what is required for the DNP is driven by the Nursing accrediting body. The DNP committee will consist of the chair, a nurse practitioner, an outside content expert and 2-3 graduate faculty members.

Council moved to approve changes to 2.0 Graduate Faculty and addition of section 10 on professional degrees to the Graduate School policies. A friendly amendment was made to change the wording in section 10.1 – revision to the first sentence, deletion of the second sentence, and revision to the third sentence. The motion to approve 2.0 as submitted and approve section 10 as amended was passed unanimously. The change will go to the Graduate Faculty for final approval.

II. Minutes

The minutes of the January 23, 2015 meeting were approved.

III. Course and Program Proposals

Council reviewed and approved the following proposals:

Cmp Sci 5020 Developing Android Apps: Android Fundamentals (new)

Cmp Sci 5222 Advanced IOS Apps (new) – approved with revisions to description

Mus Ed 5840 Teaching Music in an Urban Setting (change title)

Ph.D. Applied Mathematics – change title to Ph.D. in Mathematical and Computational Science with computer and statistics options

IV. Recruitment Fellowships

There are eight slots open for 2015-16 recruitment fellowships. The fellows receive \$5000 per academic year and can be awarded for up to four years.

Council awarded one fellowship each to the top candidates from Chemistry, Psychology, and Criminology & Criminal Justice. If the first recipient in a department declines the award, a second nominee could be resubmitted for the next round of funding.

V. Voting for Dissertation Fellowships

Next month Council will be voting on dissertation fellowships. It was decided that the advisor of the student submitting a dissertation fellowship may send a substitute in their place. If you are on the committee of the student, then you may vote or send a substitute.

VI. Dean's Report

The Office of Online Administration held two competitions for innovative online programs. The College of Business and the College of Education were the recipients of the awards.

UM System will provide up to \$12 million for Strategic Planning initiatives.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Heckel for
Susan Kashubeck-West, Secretary
and Vice Chairperson