

Graduate Council  
Minutes of the Meeting  
September 25, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Interim Dean Wesley Harris. Members in attendance: Wilma Calvert, Donald Gouwens, Michael Griffin, Alan Heisel, Stephanie Di Pietro for Beth Huebner, Susan Kashubeck-West, Haitao Li, Wendy Olivas, David Kimball, Donald Sweeney, Matthew Taylor, Jeanne Zarucchi for Maris Gillette.

**I. Vice-Chairperson**

The members agreed unanimously to elect Susan Kashubeck-West as Vice-Chairperson of the Graduate Council.

**II. Curriculum Proposals**

Council recommended the following Ed ADM course changes be reviewed by the department for clarification of the descriptions, semester sequences and prerequisites. Some descriptions list Fall only while others do not list Fall or Spring. The words 'taken concurrently' should be clarified on all.

- ED ADM 6701: Leadership for Equity
- ED ADM 6702: Supervision of Instruction I
- ED ADM 6703: Vision and Mission I
- ED ADM 6704: Data-Driven Instruction and Team Leadership I
- ED ADM 6705: School Culture I
- ED ADM 6706: Diagnostic and Strategic Planning
- ED ADM 6707: Supervision of Instruction II
- ED ADM 6708: School Culture II: Equity and Cultural Competence
- ED ADM 6709: School Law and Regulation
- ED ADM 6710: Residency I
- ED ADM 6711: Data-Driven Instruction and Team Leadership II
- ED ADM 6712: Management of Organizational Systems
- ED ADM 6713: Residency II

Other description updates:

- The second sentence in the description for course 6705 should be rewritten for clarity.
- The first sentence in the description for course 6710 should be rewritten for clarity.
- The last sentence in the description for course 6711 should be rewritten for clarity.

Council reviewed the following degree program change and recommended that the department specify foundations for students who are not in the Counseling emphasis area. Council also recommended a review of the grammar on the attachment wording.

EDUC-PHD: PhD in Education

Council reviewed and recommended approval for the following program changes:

ELAPS-MA4: Master of Education in Education Administration, with Emphasis School Administration

SOCWK-MS: Master of Social Work

Council reviewed and recommended the following course changes be reviewed by the department for clarification of the prerequisites:

Clarify what an approved statistics course is for SOC WK 5450: Social Work Research Methods And Analysis II.

Obtain sign off from MVS for SOC WK 6220 course. This course has the same name as MVS 6220.

Council reviewed and recommended approval for the following course changes:

INFSYS 6858 Advanced Cybersecurity Concepts

INFSYS 6868 Software Assurance

Council reviewed and recommended approval with a suggestion to clarify the last sentence under the Bulletin Description for the following course change:

INFSYS 6878: Management of Information Security

### **III. U grades on degree programs**

Currently, a 'C' grade translates to a U-Unsatisfactory. The Council would like the option to choose S or U rather than choosing a grade which is later translated to and S or U. The general consensus on the Council is that 'C' grades should not be counted as satisfactory.

### **IV. Requesting a time extension**

The Graduate School has changed the language regarding the process for requesting time extensions. Students are to enter into a plan, regarding old transfer credits, in their first semester rather than their last. Students should have the certainty sooner than later as to which credits will count and which will not. A question was raised as to whether time extensions should be tied to the re-admittance process. The Council agrees that the Graduate School will implement the new process and report back.

### **V. Tuition Scholarship budget**

The Graduate School Tuition Scholarship budget is being overspent by \$300,000/yr and changes are necessary. The Graduate School is considering changing the eligibility rules for tuition scholarships.

Changes being considered:

- i. If a student is being paid by an entity that has an external funding source, that funding source may need to be responsible for paying tuition.

- ii. Students working in non-academic departments (outside of their program), may not get full tuition scholarship support.
- iii. Professors with endowment accounts may need to be responsible for paying tuition for graduate assistants supported by the endowment.

The Council agreed that changes are needed going forward.

The meeting ended at 3:30pm