

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

November 19, 2009

Wingo 315 1:30 p.m.

The Graduate Council met November 19, 2009 at 1:30 p.m in Wingo 315. The following members were present: Tammy Benson, Tim Bisping, Jane Dahlenburg, Lisa Daniels, Ramesh Garimella, Bruce Hutchinson, Terry James, Jeff Jarvis, Joshua Jones, Elaine McNiece, Rick Noyes, Stephanie Platt, Joan Simon, David Skotko, and Jaime Zambrano. The following members participated via electronic vote: Lorien Foote, Paul Jensen, Julie Meaux, and Patricia Mounce. Clay Arnold, Weijiu Liu, and Adam Loos were absent.

I. Motion was made by Dr. James and seconded by Dr. Skotko to approve the Graduate Council Minutes of October 20, 2009. *Motion approved unanimously.*

II. Subcommittee I (Lisa Daniels, Chair) recommended approval of the following:

a. Post-Master's Certificate in School Psychology

Motion approved unanimously.

b. Changing the degree name from PhD in School Psychology to PhD in Psychology to more accurately reflect the existence of two specialty tracks (School Psychology and Counseling Psychology).

Motion approved unanimously.

c. Changing the name of the Department of Teaching, Learning, & Technology to Department of Teaching and Learning

Motion approved unanimously.

III. Subcommittee II, (Dr. Garimella, Chair) recommended approval of the following:

a. Variable Credit for Geography- GEOG 6390 Thesis Research to 6190, 6290 and 6390 to comply with Graduate School requirement for continuous enrollment.

Motion approved unanimously.

b. New Course - HIST 6101- Continuing Thesis Credit

Motion approved unanimously.

c. New Course – HIST 6304 – Selected Topics in European History

Motion approved unanimously.

- d. Arkansas Facilitator Licensure Endorsement Program (approved for distance delivery) with courses offered by the Departments of Early Childhood and Special Education and Leadership Studies

Motion approved unanimously.

IV. Subcommittee III (Dr. Jane Dahlenburg) recommended approval of the following new courses in English pending receipt of the minor revisions noted:

- a. ENGL 5345 – Twentieth Century English Drama
- Update and expand resources to support the course goals related to “staging issues”
 - Update library holdings that support the course as new material becomes available
- b. ENGL 5346 – Restoration and Eighteenth Century Drama
- Update library holdings that support the course as new material becomes available
- c. ENGL 5347 – Twentieth Century American Drama,
- Need additional clarification of the grading policy for graduate students. While assignments and grading policy for undergraduates are very clear, the policy for graduate students is less than clear. List assignments for graduate students along with the specific grading scheme
 - Update and expand resources to support the course goals related to “staging issues”
 - Update library holdings that support the course as new material becomes available
- d. ENGL 5365- Special Topics in Children’s and Young Adult Literature
- Need additional clarification of the grading policy for graduate students. While assignments and grading policy for undergraduates are very clear, the policy for graduate students is less than clear. List assignments for graduate students along with the specific grading scheme.
 - Update library holdings that support the course as new material becomes available.

Motion approved unanimously.

V. Dean McNiece appointed a task force/working group to review and revise the Graduate School Statement of Purpose and Degree and Programs Description (Graduate Bulletin 2.03). She discussed the rationale for and charge to the task force which will also include making recommendations related to the university mission and purpose statements. Dr. Joan Simon (CHBS) will chair and members include Ramesh Garimella (CNSM), Terry James (COE), Jane Dahlenburg (CFAC), Tim Bisping (CBA), and Lorien Foote (CLA).

VI. Dean McNiece appointed a task force to review and revise the Graduate School Thesis and Dissertation Guide. Susan Wood (Graduate School) will coordinate. Members will include Art Gillaspay, Susan Moss-Logan, Rick Noyes, Bruce Hutchinson, Jimmy Bryant and Wendy Castro.

Information Items

- a. Changed course title - HIST 5322 from Early National History, 1783-1850 to Early National History, 1783-1848.
- b. Deleted ENGL 5344, English Drama: 1660-PRESENT
- c. Changed course prefix of MSTs: 5311,5312,5325,5395,5396, 6131,6231,6331,6301,6323,6325,6330, and 6359 to ASTL prefix
- d. Changed course prefix of MSTs: 6318,6335,6337,6340,6350,6354,6357, and 6375 to ITEC prefix.
- e. Deleted Graduate Degree Program in Training Systems and courses: MSTs 5375,6102,6310,6315,6320,6321,6322,6328,6352,6355,6358 and 6371
- f. Converted the following courses to online delivery
 1. SLMA 6310 – Foundations of School Leadership
 2. SLMA 6312 – School-based Organizational Leadership
 3. ASTL 6382 – Educational Statistics
- g. Moved Library Media & Information Technology and Instructional Technology graduate programs from Teaching, Learning, & Technology Department to Leadership Studies Department
- h. Approval of Graduate Faculty Appointments:

Dr. Patrick Carmack, Mathematics, Graduate Faculty, Initial Membership (three years)

Dr. Bhavandan L. Rathinasamy (R.B. Lenin), Mathematics, Graduate Faculty, Initial Membership (three years)

Dr. Mark Bland, Biology, Graduate Faculty, Initial Membership (three years)

Dr. Karen Steelman, Chemistry, Graduate Faculty, Initial Membership (three years)

Dr. S. Nilu Larroya-Runge, Biology, Graduate Faculty, Continued Membership (three years)

Dr. Zaida M. Gomez-Kramer, Biology, Graduate Faculty, Continued Membership (three years)

Dr. John Choinski, Biology, Graduate Faculty, Continued Membership (eight years)

Dr. John-David Swanson, Biology, Graduate Faculty, Continued Membership (three years)

- i. Next regularly scheduled meeting of the Graduate Council will be Thursday, January 21, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Benson
Secretary