

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, January 15, 2015, Wingo 315 1:40 p.m.

The Graduate Council met on January 15, 2015. The following members participated: Jaclyn Austin, Stephanie Bellar, Noel Campbell, Ramon Escamilla, Janet Filer, John Gale, Art Gillaspay, Brent Hill, Bruce Hutchinson, Terry James, R.B. Lenin, Wendy Lucas, Rhonda McClellan, Mark McMurtrey, Letha Mosley, Tom Oxner, Michael Rosenow, Michael Schaefer and Joan Simon.

Member absent was Arijit Mukherjee.

Action Items:

1. Graduate Council Minutes of November 20, 2014 and December 3, 2014 were approved with minor revisions.
2. Bruce Hutchinson, Chair of Subcommittee II recommended approval of new course CSCI 5381 Advanced Java Programming.
Vote to approve was unanimous.
3. Bruce Hutchinson, Chair of Subcommittee II, recommended approval of Graduate Bulletin corrections for the Graduate Certificate (GC) in Music describing the program, admission requirements and electives.
Vote to approve was unanimous.
4. Letha Mosley, Chair of Subcommittee I, recommended approval of changes in minimum grade point average and GRE score admission requirements for the GC and MGIS in Geographic Information Systems.
Vote to approve was passed.
5. Letha Mosley, Chair of Subcommittee I, recommended approval of a change in the capstone project requirement for the MGIS Geographic Information Systems non-thesis option to three credit hours.
Vote to approve was unanimous.
6. Terry James, Chair of Subcommittee III, recommended approval of new courses from the Geography Dept.
 - a. GEOG 5330 Environmental Applications of GIS
 - b. GEOG 6185/6285 GIS Graduate Project (variable credit of GEOG 6385)*Vote to approve was unanimous.*

Information Items:

1. There was discussion regarding grading policies and course ownership. There was a consensus that programs were the gatekeepers of their courses and could regulate (prohibit) non-degree seeking and/or students from other programs from taking a course in their respective program. The sense was new courses proposals may need to include language such as “permission of the program coordinator” for students outside of the program. Council further charged the dean with inquiring about the impact of recent policy changes and the effect on gpa. Specifically, what impact does a grade of NC or NP have on quality points and the calculation of gpa? What has been the effect of the X-grades expiring to F grades? How is it that faculty are allowed to record grades that are outside of the mode prescribed in the Bulletin? There were additional questions about thesis hours

and timing for when grades should be applied, e.g. all at the end or periodically as a student progresses through benchmarks?

2. Course prerequisite changes from the Mathematics Dept. for the following:
 - a. MATH 5315 Introduction to Partial Differential Equations
 - b. MATH 5330 Math Modeling in Biology
 - c. MATH 5340 Numerical Methods
 - d. MATH 5372 Introduction to Statistical Inference
3. Course title and description changes from the Mathematics Dept. for the following:
 - a. MATH 5305 Applied Mathematics I to Ordinary Differential Equations II
 - b. MATH 5306 Applied Mathematics II to Modeling and Simulation
4. Course description changes from the Teaching and Learning Dept. for the following:
 - a. GATE 6353 Introduction to Gifted and Talented
 - b. GATE 6391 Advanced Practicum in Gifted Education
5. Course title and description changes from the Teaching and Learning Dept. for the following:
 - a. GATE 6355 Curriculum for Gifted Programs to Curriculum and Instruction for Gifted Learners
 - b. GATE 6357 Creativity for the Gifted and Talented to Creativity, Innovation, and Trends in Gifted Education
 - c. GATE 6358 Strategies for the Gifted and Talented to Affective Strategies for the Gifted and Talented
6. Course title and description changes from History Dept. for the following:
 - a. HIST 5301 Studies in Environmental History to American Environmental History
 - b. HIST 5308 American Women's History to Gender in American History
 - c. HIST 5360 Birth of Europe 300 – 1000 to Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity 300 – 900 A.D.
 - d. HIST 5361 Medieval Civilization 1000 - 1400 to Mediterranean World in the Medieval Period 900 - 1400 A.D.
 - e. HIST 5390 Roman Empire 30 B.C. – 395 A.D to Roman Civilization
 - f. HIST 6303 Selected Topics for Graduate Students in American History to Selected Topics in American History
 - g. HIST 6315 Civil War Seminar to The Civil War Era
 - h. HIST 6340 The Contemporary World to Contemporary Europe 1945 – Present
 - i. HIST 6341 Studies in Medieval History 450 – 1450 to Medieval History, 450 – 1450
 - j. HIST 6342 Studies in Early Modern Europe to Early Modern Europe
 - k. HIST 6345 Studies in Modern Europe to Modern Europe, 1870 – 1945
 - l. HIST 6350 Selected Graduate Studies in African and Islamic History to African History
 - m. HIST 6399 Studies in Asian History to Asian History
7. Deletion of the following courses from the History Dept.
 - a. HIST 5318 Arch/Hist SW Native Am Civ
 - b. HIST 5325 Am Life/Thought to 1865
 - c. HIST 5326 Am Life/Thought since 1865
 - d. HIST 5332 A History of the Crusades
 - e. HIST 5378 Absolutism, Enlightenment, Rev
 - f. HIST 5379 Spain: Crusade, Columbus, Emp
 - g. HIST 5380 Czarist Russia

- h. HIST 5382 Russia Since 1917
 - i. HIST 5388 African History
 - j. HIST 5389 The Roman Republic: 750 – 27 B.C.
8. Hide the following courses from the History Dept.
 - a. HIST 5309 Women in European History
 - b. HIST 5353 Inter-American Relations
 - c. HIST 5387 Islamic Middle East
 9. Deletion of GEOG 6685 GIS Graduate Project
 10. Change Graduate Bulletin language for the M.S. in CSD transfer hours allowed from 17-18 to a maximum of 9 credit hours
 11. Course title, prerequisite and course description changes from the CSD Dept. for the following:
 - a. CSD 6314 from Adult Swallowing to Feeding and Swallowing Disorders
 - b. CSD 6136, 6236, 6336 Thesis
 - c. CSD 6341 from Motor Spech Disorders to Motor Speech Disorders
 - d. CSD 6343 Adult Language Disorders
 12. Graduate Faculty Appointments
 - a. Dr. Natalie Benafield, CSD, initial associate Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - b. Dr. Bi-ling Chen, ENGL, continued full Graduate Faculty (8 years)
 - c. Dr. Alex Fayman, EFIRM, continued full Graduate Faculty (8 years)
 - d. Dr. Sonya Fritz, ENGL, initial full Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - e. Dr. Rahinaswamy Govindan, MATH, initial affiliated Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - f. Dr. Tansel Halic, CSCI, initial full Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - g. Ms. Stacy Harris, NURS, continued associate Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - h. Dr. Heather Hudson, HSCI, continued full Graduate Faculty (8 years)
 - i. Mr. Sean Ironman, WRT, initial associate Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - j. Ms. Stacy Kidd, WRT, initial associate Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - k. Mr. David Laumer, GEOG, initial affiliated Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - l. Dr. Meula Magimairaj, CSD, initial full Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - m. Dr. Melissa Max, NURS, initial affiliated Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - n. Dr. Kaye McKinzie, MBA, initial full Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - o. Dr. Duston Morris, HSCI, continued full Graduate Faculty (8 years)
 - p. Dr. Paige Reynolds, ENGL, continued full Graduate Faculty (8 years)
 - q. Dr. Shengli Sheng, CSCI, continued full Graduate Faculty (8 years)
 - r. Dr. Mark Smith, CSCI, continued associate Graduate Faculty (8 years)
 - s. Mr. Mark Spitzer, WRT, initial full Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - t. Dr. John Vanderslice, WRT, initial full Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - u. Ms. Sarah Waggoner, GEOG, initial affiliated Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - v. Dr. Jing Yang, CSD, initial full Graduate Faculty (3 years)

Announcements:

1. Everyone is invited to the Graduate School Coffee to be held on Jan. 29. Dr. Filer requested that announcement be sent to programs electronically so they could forward to the online students.
2. The next meeting of the Graduate Council will be February 19, 2015 in Wingo 315 during X-period.