

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, April 16, 2015, Wingo 315, 1:40 p.m.

The Graduate Council met on April 16, 2015. The following members participated: Stephanie Bellar, Janet Filer, Brent Hill, Bruce Hutchinson, Terry James, R. B. Lenin, Rhonda McClellan, Mark McMurtrey, Arijit Mukherjee, Michael Rosenow, Michael Schaefer and Joan Simon.

Member absent were John Gale, Art Gillaspay, Wendy Lucas, Kayla McIntosh, Letha Mosley, Tom Oxner, and Mark Spitzer.

Guests: Kathleen Atkins, Julie Meaux and Barbara Williams.

Action Items:

1. Graduate Council Minutes of March 19, 2015 were approved.
2. Bruce Hutchinson, Chair of Subcommittee II, recommended the following changes to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree:
 - a. Approval of the variable credit hour courses for NURS 7415 Clinical Internship (name changed as Information Item below) to NURS 7V15 (1-4 credit hours),
 - b. Approval of the deletion of NURS 7410 Clinical Internship I, and
 - c. Approval of related reduction in total credit hour requirement for the DNP degree from 36 to 34 or higher

Julie Meaux and Barbara Williams from the Nursing Dept. provided additional information and responded to questions from the council.

Vote to approve was unanimous.

3. Bruce Hutchinson (Chair, Subcommittee II) recommended the following:
 - a. Approval of a change in degree course requirements in the MSN Adult/Gerontology track – replacing NURS 6305, 6520, 6521, and 6526 with the addition of NURS 6205, 6511, 6512, and 6413,
 - b. Approval of a change in degree course requirements in the MSN Family Nurse Practitioner track – replacing NURS 6305, 6520, 6521, 6526 and 6(1,2)64 with the addition of NURS 6205, 6511, 6512, 6413 and 6414, and
 - c. Approval of a change in degree course requirements in the MSN Clinical Nurse Leader track – replacing NURS 6305, 6370 with the addition of NURS 6205 and 6470

Vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Terry James, Chair of Subcommittee III, recommended approval of a change in degree requirements for the PhD in Psychology, adding PSYC 7312 Learning and Cognition as a requirement and reducing dissertation hours from 9 to 6 hours

Vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Terry James, Chair of Subcommittee III, recommended approval of the following new courses from Elementary, Literacy and Special Education (ELSE) Dept.
 - a. ELSE 6347 Foundations of Dyslexia and the Language
 - b. ELSE 6348 Multisensory Approach to Language I
 - c. ELSE 6349 Multisensory Approach to Language II

Kathleen Atkins provided additional information and responded to questions from the Council regarding all the items from her department.

Vote to approve was unanimous.

6. Janet Filer, (Acting Chair of Subcommittee I) recommended approval of course revisions for the following courses from ELSE Department:

- a. ELSE 6300 Philosophical, Historical, and Legal Aspects of Special Education
- b. ELSE 6309 Solution-Focused Learning
- c. ELSE 6314 Diagnosis and Intervention of Reading Difficulties
- d. ELSE 6327 Educational Programming for Young Children
- e. ELSE 6336 Guidance and Management of Young Children
- f. ELSE 6338 Instructional Strategies and Assessment of Young Children
- g. ELSE 6341 Literacy Strategies for the Emergent and Early Reader
- h. ELSE 6343 Clinical Practicum in Reading
- i. ELSE 6345 Leadership, Supervision and Professional Development in Literacy
- j. ELSE 6346 Literacy Strategies for the Advanced Reader
- k. ELSE 6379 Multicultural Literacies and Diverse Texts

Vote to approve was passed with one abstention.

7. A motion was made by Janet Filer and seconded by Michael Schaefer to approve the new Arkansas Dyslexia Therapist endorsement from the ELSE Dept.

Vote to approve was unanimous.

8. A motion was made by Janet Filer and seconded by Joan Simon to approve the revisions to the M.S.E. in Reading program from the ELSE Dept. (which effectively embeds the Dyslexia endorsement). The revisions include removal of required courses ELSE 6342 and ELSE 6344 plus three credit hours of elective to be replaced with the addition of the following required new courses :

- a. ELSE 6347 Foundations of Dyslexia and the Language
- b. ELSE 6348 Multisensory Approach to Language I
- c. ELSE 6349 Multisensory Approach to Language II

Vote to approve was unanimous.

9. A motion was made by Janet Filer and seconded by Rhonda McClellan to approve the new Integrated Birth-Kindergarten endorsement from the ELSE Dept.

Vote to approve was unanimous.

10. Drafts of revised curriculum forms were distributed and discussed. Dr. Bellar asked the council to review the forms and make recommendations for additional changes.

Information Items:

1. NURS 7V15 (formerly 7415) change of course title and description
2. Deletion of NURS 7410 Clinical Internship I
3. Changes of course title and/or description for the following courses from the ELSE Department:

- a. ELSE 6300 Philosophical, Historical, and Legal Aspects of Special Education
- b. ELSE 6309 Solution-Focused Learning
- c. ELSE 6314 Diagnosis and Intervention of Reading Difficulties
- d. ELSE 6327 Educational Programming for Young Children
- e. ELSE 6336 Guidance and Management of Young Children
- f. ELSE 6338 Instructional Strategies and Assessment of Young Children
- g. ELSE 6341 Literacy Strategies for the Emergent and Early Reader
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4. HIST 6310 change of course title and description
5. ENGL 5361 change of course description
6. Graduate Faculty Appointments
 - a. Dr. Matthew Connolly, GEOG, initial full Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - b. Dr. Michael Ellis, MIS, initial full Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - c. Dr. Lindsay Kennedy, HSCI, initial affiliated Graduate Faculty (3 years)

Announcements:

The next meeting of the Graduate Council is to be announced.