

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, January 21, 2016

The Graduate Council met electronically on January 21, 2016. The following members participated: Stephanie Bellar, Mason Muerer, Alexander Chen, Janet Filer, John Gale, Art Gillaspy, Brent Hill, Terry James, Lori Leavell, Rhonda McClellan, Mark McMurtrey, Arijit Mukherjee, Joan Simon, and Mark Spitzer and Stephanie Watson.

Members not present: Thomas Deatherage, R.B. Lenin, Wendy Lucas, Letha Mosley, Michael Rosenow, and Stephanie Vanderslice.

Action Items:

1. Minutes of December 17, 2015 minutes were approved with two abstentions.
2. Subcommittee III Chair, Terry James, recommended approval of the Freshman admission policy for the M.S. in Occupational Therapy. *Vote to approve was unanimous.*
3. Subcommittee I Chair, Rhonda McClellan, recommended approval of a new online course NURS 6215 Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice. *Vote to approve was unanimous.*

Information Items:

1. Minor changes to admission requirements to the MS in Occupational Therapy program
2. Change of title, description and/or prerequisites for the following courses from the Nursing Department:
 - a. NURS 6315 Advanced Health Assessment
 - b. NURS 6320 Advanced Pathophysiology
 - c. NURS 6325 Advanced Pharmacology
 - d. NURS 6340 Clinical Specialty for the Nurse Educator
 - e. NURS 6348 Instructional Design and Teaching Strategies
 - f. NURS 6349 Teaching Practicum for the Nurse Educator
 - g. NURS 6350 Curriculum in Nursing and Health Professions
 - h. NURS 6371 Clinical Nurse Leader Immersion
 - i. NURS 6413 from Primary Care of Older Adults to Complex Primary Care of Adults for Family & Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioners
 - j. NURS 6414 from Primary Care of Children to Primary Care of Children for the Family Nurse Practitioner
 - k. NURS 6470 Clinical Nurse Leader Practice
 - l. NURS 6511 Primary Care of Young Adults to Introduction to Primary Care for Family & Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioners
 - m. NURS 6512 Primary Care of Middle-Aged Adults to Primary Care of Adults for Family & Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioners
3. Course deletions:
 - a. NURS 6344 Master's Project
 - b. NURS Thesis Research

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- 4. Graduate Faculty Appointments
 - a. Dr. William B. Cash, BIOL, continued full Graduate Faculty (8 years)
 - b. Dr. Stephen Feldman, MUSC, initial full Graduate Faculty (8 years)
 - c. Dr. Richard T. Gaughan, ENGL, continued full Graduate Faculty (8 years)
 - d. Mr. James A. Harris, MCOM, initial affiliated Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - e. Dr. Amy Hawkins, COMM, continued full Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - f. Mr. Robert Reed, GEOG, initial affiliated Graduate Faculty (3 years)

Discussion Topics

1. There was discussion regarding the graduate faculty application process.
2. There was discussion pertaining to desired policy changes regarding transfer credits and use of previous course work towards completion of a second master's degree or graduate certificate.

Announcements:

1. The next informal meeting of the Graduate Council will be Thursday, February 4, 2016 in Library 202 during x-period.
2. The next regular meeting of the Graduate Council will be February 18, 2016 in Wingo 315 during x-period.