

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES Thursday, October 29, 2015

The Graduate Council held a called meeting on October 29, 2015. The following members were present: Stephanie Bellar, Alexander Chen, Janet Filer, John Gale, Brent Hill, Terry James, R. B. Lenin, Rhonda McClellan, Mark McMurtrey, Arijit Mukherjee, Michael Rosenow, Michael Schaefer, Joan Simon, Mark Spitzer, and Stephanie Watson. Members not present: Art Gillaspay, Wendy Lucas, and Stephanie Vanderslice. Letha Mosley was present (via telephone) and Dr. Tina Mankey was also present to represent the Occupational Therapy Department.

Action Items:

1. Graduate Council Minutes of October 15, 2015 were approved
2. A motion was made by Terry James and seconded by Janet Filer to approve of the clinical doctorate in Occupational Therapy (OTD) program.
 - There was lengthy discussion by the council regarding several issues:
 - o concern about the financial commitment of the institution to the faculty and students
 - o concern about absence of transition for students who hold a master's degree in OT
 - o concern about facilities for teaching and clinical placements

The proposal was passed by a vote of 9 to 1 with 3 abstentions.

Graduate Council offers this statement regarding their commitment to full funding of graduate programs to ensure the highest quality graduate programs:

In the consideration of the action item to accept the curriculum for the clinical doctorate in Occupational Therapy (OTD) the Graduate Council raised concerns over the fiscal responsibility of adding a new graduate program. In particular, it was very evident that the new OTD program would require an investment of financial resources to ensure its successful implementation. There was much discussion regarding the financial cost of the OTD program and whether it could be budget neutral without financially impacting other departmental programs.

The Graduate Council voted to approve the OTD curriculum, however, the Council was adamant that new monies (not just shifting funds around) would need to be found to provide infrastructure, faculty lines, and faculty resources for the development of the program.

Occupational Therapy accepted as a friendly amendment a statement to clarify pre-requisites in course descriptions in the Graduate Bulletin- *Prerequisite: Successful completion of previous courses in program sequence.* This is reflected in each of the course approvals below.

3. Michael Schaefer, Chair of Subcommittee I, recommended approval of the following new courses:
 - a. OTHY 6110 Doctoral Seminar I Service Learning
 - b. OTHY 6120 Doctoral Seminar II Problem & Solution Based Learning
 - c. OTHY 7310 Doctoral Seminar III Planning & Development
 - d. OTHY 7220 Doctoral Seminar IV Transition to Practice
 - e. OTHY 7V50 (one to eight credit hours) Doctoral Residency

Vote to approve was unanimous.

4. R.B. Lenin, Chair of Subcommittee II, recommended approval of the following new courses:
 - a. OTHY 7317 Applied Research I
 - b. OTHY 7318 Applied Research II
 - c. OTHY 7319 Applied Research III
 - d. OTHY 6104 Level II Fieldwork Seminar

Vote to approve was unanimous.
5. Terry James, Chair of Subcommittee III, recommended approval of the following new courses:
 - a. OTHY 7311 Leadership & Communication in Healthcare
 - b. OTHY 7320 Contemporary Issues & Advocacy in Occupational Therapy
 - c. OTHY 7330 Occupational Therapy Practice for Children, Youth and Families (revised title)
 - d. OTHY 7340 Occupational Therapy in Rehabilitation & Disability (revised title)
 - e. OTHY 7360 Advanced Occupational Therapy Practice in Mental Health (revised title)

Vote to approve was unanimous.
6. A motion was made by Joan Simon and seconded by Stephanie Watson to approve the following changes in course credit hours:
 - a. From 4 hours to 3 hours OTHY 6402 Art and Science of Occupation to OTHY 6324 [effective Fall 2017]
 - b. From 4 hours to 3 hours OTHY 6437 Conditions Influencing Occupational Performance to OTHY 6326 [effective Spring 2018]

Vote to approve was unanimous.

Information Items

1. Change OTHY 6310 Occupational Therapy as an Educator from electronic to traditional delivery [effective Fall 2019]
2. Deletion of the following courses:
 - a. OTHY 6191 [effective Fall 2017]
 - b. OTHY 6192 [effective Fall 2017]
 - c. OTHY 6V75 [effective Fall 2017]
 - d. OTHY 6318 [effective Fall 2017]
3. Change in course title for OTHY 6317 from Research I to Research [effective Fall 2017]
4. Graduate Faculty Appointments
 - a. Mr. Anthony McMullen, ACCT, continued full Graduate Faculty (8 years)

Announcements:

1. An informal meeting of the Graduate Council will be held November 5, 2015 and the first Thursday of each month in Torreyson library, room 202 during x-period.
2. The next regular meeting of the Graduate Council will be November 19, 2015 in Wingo 315 during x-period.