

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday November 8, 2006

Present: Greg Belcher, Sharon Bowling, John Daley, Chris Fogliasso, Brenda Frieden, Rusty Jones, David Kuehn, John Leland, Paul McCallum, James Oliver Jr., Brenda Roberts, Melvin Roush, Robert Schwindt, Chuck Blatchley for William Shirley, Dixie Smith, James Sours, Don Ward, Ray Willard

The minutes of the Wednesday, October 11, 2006 meeting were approved with no corrections.

Dr. Belcher moved for approval, James Oliver seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Bowling requested the information from the Additional Agenda Items be included with their matching sections from the original agenda.

Dr. Schwindt moved for approval, Dr. Belcher seconded and the motion carried.

The following was submitted for approval for Graduate Faculty Recommendation:

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| James Henning | Engineering Technology |
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Dr. Fogliasso moved to approve, Dr. Belcher seconded and the motion carried.

The following was submitted for approval for Graduate Service Recommendation:

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| Chris Hines | Accounting 07/SP ACCTG*815 Financial Statement Auditing NEW |
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| Duane Custer | Technology Studies 06/WF TTED*801 Organizational and Administration of Vocational Education NEW |
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Dr. Ward moved to make these a unit and to approve. Dr. Fogliasso seconded and the motion carried.

The following curricular matters were submitted for approval:

College of Arts & Sciences:

Art:

Revision of Course Description: (Effective for 2007-2009 Catalog)
ART 882 Res. Seminar: Professional Practices II

Jamie Oliver was present to discuss the revision. He explained that "Professional" was added to the title and other small editing changes were made to better cover all aspects of the course. It is not meant to be a business course, but is meant to teach the aspects that visual artists need to be aware of for real world applications.

Dr. Daley moved for approval, Dr. Schwindt seconded and the motion carried.

Chemistry:

Revision of Course Description: (Effective Spring 2007)

CHEM 890 Research and Thesis

CHEM 891 Research Problem

Program Change: (Effective Spring 2007)

Re-wording of catalog options to clarify between Options and emphasis areas

Explains the impact of the Revision of Course Descriptions above

Physics:

Revision of Course Description: (Effective Spring 2007)

PHYS 890 Research and Thesis

PHYS 891 Research Problem

Program Change: (Effective Spring 2007)

Re-wording of catalog options to clarify between Options and emphasis areas

Explains the impact of the Revision of Course Descriptions above

Dr. Blatchley was present to discuss the changes for both Chemistry and Physics. He explained that the changes in course description for the 890 and 891 courses were to allow students to complete extra hours of these courses if needed, which is the case most of the time. The change was necessary to make as it allows students to continue being considered full time even after the previous limit of hours has been surpassed, as well as allows students to continue in their Graduate Assistantship appointments. The program changes were made to better reflect what was intended by the departments and to include the change in course descriptions previously mentioned.

Dr. Willard mentioned that he thought 891 courses were intended to be only Methods of Research courses across campus so that students could take the course from any department. Dr. Blatchley inquired as to how Methods courses differ from their Research Problem courses. Dr. Willard replied that research is taught but not actually conducted in Methods courses. Dr. Ward stated that the departments are given the option of how to handle their research courses.

Dr. Ward moved to make these a unit and for approval, Dr. Willard seconded and the motion carried.

History:

Catalog Change

Option I: Requires 30 hours, not 32 hours as the catalog currently states.

Dr. Daley was present to discuss the change. He explained the change was made to correct an editorial mistake that had been missed when the current catalog was printed.

Dr. Belcher moved for approval, Dr. Smith seconded and the motion carried.

College of Business:

Economics, Finance & Banking:

Revision of Course (Prefix): (Effective Immediately)

Existing: ECON 836 Financial Strategy
Prereq: ECON 326 Business Finance or waiver

Proposed: FIN 836 Financial Strategy
Prereq: FIN 326 Business Finance or waiver

Dr. Ward moved for approval, Dr. Schwindt seconded and the motion carried.

College of Arts & Sciences:

Social Sciences:

Deletion of Courses: (Effective Spring 2007)

JUST 711 Law and Society
SOSCI 714 Chemical Abuse and Criminal Behavior
SOSCI 750 Political Philosophy II
JUST 782 Criminal Procedure
POLS 807 Sem: Sp Topics in POLS
JUST 808 Soc and Economic Justice
JUST 809 Diversity in the Workplace
JUST 810 Adv Criminology
JUST 820 Just Administration
JUST 821 Analytical & GIS Application in Just Administration
JUST 822 Grant Writing
JUST 823 Strategic Planning
JUST 824 Just Program & Pol Eval
JUST 882 Internship I
JUST 883 Internship II
JUST 890 Research and Thesis
JUST 891 Res Problem

Dr. Willard moved for approval, Dr. Jones seconded and the motion carried.

College of Education:

Curriculum & Instruction:

Deletion of Emphasis: (Effective Fall 2007)

Master of Science with a major in Teaching with an emphasis in
Early Childhood Education

Dr. Willard was present to discuss the deletion. He explained the State of Kansas has done away with this program, but it will be needed on campus through the Summer 2007 semester in order to let those already in this emphasis finish their program. It will not, however, be included in the new catalog.

Dr. Schwindt moved for approval, Dr. Jones seconded and the motion carried.

Special Services and Leadership Studies: (Effective for 2007-2009 Catalog)
Request for recommendation to support or deny the addition of an “In Progress” (IP) grade for the University. This grade would replace a grade of IN for projects that span multiple semesters.

Dr. Roberts was present to discuss the new grade. She explained the new grade would be used in their department for practicum courses (1 in particular that spans a year in length) that are long-term projects and cannot be completed within the semester the course is enrolled for. The IP grade would create a more accurate picture on the students’ transcripts of their progress in the course, as they have truly not earned an incomplete, which is currently the only option. Dr. Schwindt inquired as to whether this grade would be available to all departments. Dr. Roberts responded that it would, pending Dr. Christensen’s approval. Dr. Fogliasso inquired as to whether the information provided in the attachment from Dr. Christensen was a complete description, or if information would be added regarding a length of time for which this grade can remain without being changed to a letter grade (as is the case with the IN grade). Dr. Roberts responded that she did not know and Dr. Leland stated that he agreed with Dr. Fogliasso that there needed to be some closure language included. Dr. Willard questioned whether closure would be needed. He explained that currently, with an IN, thesis courses remain without changing to a grade and that has not caused any problems. A grade of IP allows for flexibility and should be left up to the instructor to use as necessary. Dr. Roberts agreed and stated that if a student does not complete the course, they will not complete their program, so there is motivation for not leaving it as an IP. There was much more discussion regarding the inclusion of closure language, which courses (if not all) would be allowed to use this grade, and general other thoughts and concerns regarding implementing such a new grade.

Dr. Schwindt moved to approve in support of IP as a possible grade, with the request of more details and a timeline. Dr. Daley seconded and the motion carried with 10 approving votes and 6 opposing votes.

Dr. Sours moved to approve the IP grade as written, Dr. Jones seconded and the motion carried with 11 approving votes and 5 opposing votes.

The issues of a timeline for a grade to remain IP and for what courses the new grade could be used will be discussed at the December 6 meeting of the Graduate Council.

Old Business:

Department chairs were sent a letter with information pertaining to the requests of the Graduate Council regarding the Graduate Service Recommendation Form.

New Business:

Address about online thesis by the Dean of Learning Resources, Robert Walter.

Moved to the December meeting.

Approval to change the next meeting date to the first week of the month instead of the second to allow for a review of Fall graduates. If approved the next meeting date will be Wednesday, December 6, 2006.

James Oliver moved to approve, Dr. Fogliasso seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Leland moved to adjourn, Dr. Blatchley seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.
in room 409 of Russ Hall.