

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**December 7, 2022**  
**Meadowlark Room**

**In Attendance:** Alex Binder, Jason Clemensen, Julie Dainty, Mark Diacopoulos, Tim Flood, Tatiana Goris, Jennifer Harris, Michelle Hudiburg, Shelby Hutchens, Jon Jones, Elizabeth Mascher, Alicia Mason, Greg Murray, Hermann Nonnenmacher, Alice Sagehorn, Judy Smetana, Howard Smith, Ryan Speelman

**Joined Via Zoom:** Amy Hite

**Absent:** David Boffey, Anil Lal, Sang Lee, Paul McCallum, Matthew Montague, Jody Neef, Theresa Presley, Brian Sims, Kyle Thompson

**Guest:** Derrel Fincher, Jennifer Richardson, Kristi Stuck

Approval of the 2022 Winter/Fall Graduates

**The Graduate Faculty convened to approve the graduates: Dr. Hudiburg moved for approval, Dr. Smetana seconded and the motion carried.**

**Dr. Nonnenmacher moved to adjourn the Graduate Faculty meeting, Dr. Flood seconded and the motion carried.**

The minutes from the November 9, 2022 meeting were approved with no corrections.

**Dr. Flood moved for approval, Dr. Mascher seconded and the motion carried.**

The following were submitted for Graduate Faculty Recommendation:

Don Book                      Automotive and Engineering Technology

**Dr. Hudiburg moved for approval, Dr. Dainty seconded and the motion carried.**

The following were submitted for Graduate Service Recommendations:

Renewals:

Dwight Strong (Tested Experience)	Kelce Graduate School of Business 23/SP CIS 740 E-business Application Development
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Susan Bastion	Technology and Workforce Learning 23/SP GRT 887 Statistical Applications and Data Analysis in Technology GRT 891 Research Methods in Technology
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Sho-Hsien Su	Technology and Workforce Learning 23/SP TTED 887 Data Analysis and Interpretation in Technology
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**Dr. Smetana moved to approve the Graduate Service recommendation renewals as a group, Dr. Clemensen seconded and the motion carried.**

The following curricular matters were submitted:

College of Arts and Sciences

Communication

Accelerated program revision: GPA requirement changed to 3.25 from 3.50

Dr. Mason shared that they were requesting this change to align with other programs and institutions.

**Dr. Flood moved for approval, Dr. Smetana seconded and the motion carried.**

Kelce Graduate School of Business

Request for Revision of Course

ACCTG 812: Tax Research- Course Description

Dr. Presley sent an email to the council today regarding this request to explain that the current description requires all students get permission to enroll in this course, the revision would allow students who are in a program that requires the course to not have to get permission.

**Dr. Smetana moved for approval, Dr. Nonnenmacher seconded and the motion carried.**

College of Education

Teaching and Leadership

Request for Degree Changes

MS Reading- Reading Specialist Licensure

Options Available and Number of Hours Required

Degree Course Requirements:

Courses to be added to the candidacy

Courses to be deleted from candidacy

Request for Deletion of Program

MS Reading- Classroom Reading Teacher

Degree Change Notification

MS Reading

Conditions for Full Admission

Request for Certificate Changes

Reading/Language Arts Certificate

Options Available and Number of Hours Required

Degree Course Requirements:

Courses to be added to the candidacy

Courses to be deleted from the candidacy

Certificate Name Change  
Reading/Language Arts Certificate changed to Reading Specialist Licensure Certificate

Certificate Change Notification  
Reading Specialist Licensure Certificate  
Admission Requirements  
Conditions for Full Admission

Request for Revision of Course  
READ 845: Title and Course Description

Request for Revision of Course  
READ 848: Title and Course Description

Request for Revision of Course  
READ 869: Title and Course Description

Request for Revision of Course  
READ 870: Title and Course Description

Request for Revision of Course  
READ 871: Title and Course Description

Request for Revision of Course  
READ 872: Title and Course Description

Request for Revision of Course  
READ 873: Title and Course Description

Request for Revision of Course  
READ 874: Title and Course Description

Dr. Richardson shared that the revisions would reduce the number of hours required for the reading program. The certificate revisions would add the option for an endorsement for students that already have a masters. Dr. Stuck shared that the changes would accommodate new standards from the state.

**Dr. Flood moved to approve the Teaching and Leadership curricular matters as a group, Dr. Dainty seconded and the motion carried.**

New Business

Duolingo Scores: Currently requiring a minimum of 100 overall score.  
Proposal: Require a minimum score of 100 in each section (Literacy, Comprehension, Conversation, and Production)

Lisa Allen shared that Aaron Hurt couldn't be at the meeting but that he was proposing that in addition to requiring a minimum overall duolingo score of 100, that we also require a minimum score of 100 in each section of the duolingo. We require a minimum score in each band of the IELTS language test, so this would be similar to that requirement. Dr. Goris shared some of her

concerns with language scores. Lisa Allen reminded the council that the council previously approved accepting the duolingo on a temporary basis and that we would be reviewing the policy again in the spring. Dr. Smith suggested that we look to see what our peers are accepting.

**Dr. Speelman moved for approval, Dr. Smetana seconded and the motion carried with two abstentions.**

Announcements: Dr. Howard Smith

Dr. Smith shared that he makes announcements at Faculty Senate meetings so he would also like to provide announcements to Graduate Council. He shared the following:

- The rpk report can be found on the KBOR website. KBOR will livestream the rpk meeting.
- The following searches are starting: Associate Provost, Director of Assessment and College of Technology Dean.

Old Business: None

Committee Reports:

Dr. Diacopoulos shared that the committee established to review the constitutions of the Faculty Senate and the Graduate Council to see if the process of selecting representatives needs to be changed due to recent reorganizations is still working and are planning to have more information for the council during the spring semester. He also mentioned the possibility of establishing a Graduate Council constitution committee.

The meeting was adjourned

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 8, 2023**