

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**February 10, 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**In Attendance:** Becky Brannock, Jason Clemensen, Mark Diacopoulos, Shirley Drew, Kevin Elliott, Ronny Galloway, Tatiana Goris, Jennifer Harris, Michelle Hudiburg, Ananda Jayawardhana, Anil Lal, Fang Lin, Elizabeth Mascher, Paul McCallum, Hermann Nonnenmacher, Theresa Presley, Santimukul Santra, Brian Sims, Judy Smetana, Howard Smith, Ryan Speelman, Kyle Thompson

Serif Uran filled in for Bobby Winters

**Guest:** Kristen Humphrey, Karen Johnson

**Absent:** Rick Hardy, Matthew Montague

The minutes of the December 2, 2020 meeting were approved with no corrections.

**Dr. Brannock moved for approval, Dr. Sims seconded and the motion carried.**

There were no Graduate Faculty Recommendations.

The following were submitted for Graduate Service Recommendation(s):

**New:**

Sunnat Ibragimov	Music 21/SP MUSIC 750 Applied Music (String Bass)
Timothy Dawsey	Physics 21/SP MAT 861 Mechanical Composites and Structures
M. Renee Patrick	Psychology and Counseling 21/SP PSYCH 808 Child Personality Assessment
Brian Biermann	Teaching and Leadership 21/SP TCHL 891 Methods of Research
Jane Doelling	Teaching and Leadership 21/SP SPED 861 The Professional Semester
Melissa Hunter-Boyce	Teaching and Leadership 21/SP READ 720 Content Literature for Middle/Secondary Teaching
Lindsay Jesteadt	Teaching and Leadership

	21/SP SPED 738 Characteristics of Students with High-Incidence Learning Needs SPED 861 The Professional Semester
Liz Meitl	Teaching and Leadership 21/SP TCHL 849 The Professional Semester Culminating Experience TCHL 878 Assessment for Effective Teaching
Susan Dellasega	Technology and Workforce Learning 21/SP HRD 875 Lesson Development
Byron McKay	Technology and Workforce Learning 21/SP GRT 799 Professional Development for Technologists

**Dr. Elliott moved to approve the new Graduate Service recommendations as a group, Dr. Harris seconded and the motion carried.**

**Renewals:**

David Lomshek	Engineering Technology 21/SP ETECH 852 Integrated Design and Manufacturing Concepts
Kimberly Byler	School of Nursing 21/SP NURS 856 Education Practicum
Julie Costello	Psychology and Counseling 21/SP PSYCH 738 Human Sexuality
Susan Bastion	Technology and Workforce Learning 21/SP GRT 887 Statistical Applications/Data Analysis in Technology

**Dr. Presley asked if tested experience was needed for Graduate Service renewals. Dr. Speelman suggested that they should be reviewed again.**

**Dr. Goris asked for clarification on how often Graduate Service requests needed to be requested for faculty. Dr. Sims shared that Graduate Service Faculty have to be approved for each course that they teach and then would need to be renewed after two years.**

**Dr. Sims moved to approve the Graduate Service recommendations renewals as a group, Dr. Thompson seconded and the motion carried.**

The following curricular matters were submitted:

### **College of Arts and Sciences**

#### **Biology**

Request for Revision of course  
BIOL 800: Seminar  
Title Change

**Dr. Nonnenmacher shared that a request for a title change was being made to help distinguish this seminar course from other seminar courses in Biology.**

**Dr. Thompson moved for approval, Dr. Presley seconded and the motion carried.**

#### **History, Philosophy and Social Sciences**

Degree/Course Change Notification  
Admission Requirements for MA History

**Dr. Thompson shared that the request is to raise the minimum admission requirements for the MA History program. He explained that they have had an increase of interest in the program and these changes would eliminate giving false hope of admission to applicants.**

**Dr. Brannock moved for approval, Mr. Galloway seconded and the motion carried.**

Request for Creation of Certificate  
Social Work Graduate Foundation

Request for Creation of Course  
SWK 701 Advanced Social Work Practice I: Micro

Request for Creation of Course  
SWK 702 Advanced Social Work Practice II: Mezzo

Request for Creation of Course  
SWK 703 Advanced Social Work Practice III: Macro

Request for Creation of Course  
SWK 721 Foundation Social Work Practicum I

Request for Creation of Course  
SWK 722 Foundation Practicum Integrative Seminar I

Request for Creation of Course  
SWK 723 Foundation of Social Work Practicum II

Request for Creation of Course

## SWK 724 Foundation Practicum Integrative Seminar II

Request for Creation of Course  
SWK 765 Social Welfare Policy Analysis

Request for Creation of Course  
SWK 783 Fundamentals of Research in Social Work

Request for Creation of Course  
SWK 785 Human Behavior in the Social Environment

**Dr. Humphrey shared that they are requesting to create this certificate and courses as part of a cooperative agreement with KU. Students will complete their first year of a Master of Social Work program at PSU and then transition to KU to complete the program. She shared that having students pursue the program through a certificate program at PSU would allow students the option to obtain financial aid.**

**Dr. Humphrey was asked if the courses were all new courses, she explained that the new courses are cross listed with senior social work courses and that these courses will have an additional requirement since they are master level courses.**

**Dr. Jayawardhana asked if the degree would be obtained from KU. Dr. Humphrey explained that the students would earn the Master of Social Work degree from KU and a certificate from PSU.**

**Dr. Sims moved to approve the Social Work curricular matters, Dr. Thompson seconded and the motion carried.**

### **School of Nursing**

Request for Creation of Certificate  
Nurse Educator Certificate

Request for Revision of Course  
NURS 803 Advanced Health Assessment  
Course Description

Request for Revision of Course  
NURS 804 Advanced Health Assessment Practicum  
Course Description

Request for Revision of Course  
NURS 806 Primary Care I: Family Health  
Course Description

Request for Revision of Course  
NURS 807 Primary Care I Practicum  
Course Description

Request for Revision of Course  
NURS 809 Advanced Pathophysiology

## Course Description

Request for Revision of Course  
NURS 812 Primary Care II: Family Health

Request for Revision of Course  
NURS 813 Primary Care II Practicum

Request for Revision of Course  
NURS 818 Applied Drug Therapy  
Course Description

Request for Revision of Course  
NURS 828 Primary Care III Practicum  
Course Description

Request for Revision of Course  
NURS 836 Family Process/Mgmt. of Chronic Illness Practicum  
Course Description

Request for Revision of Course  
NURS 900 Quality Safety Practice Outcomes  
Course Description

**Dr. Harris shared that the courses that will be a part of the new certificate are already being taught. They are requesting that the course descriptions be updated. The changes in the course descriptions will eliminate some prerequisites that cause enrollment issues and allow them to clean up the descriptions.**

**Dr. Jayawardhana moved to approve the School of Nursing curricular matters, Dr. Thompson seconded and the motion carried.**

## College of Education

### Psychology and Counseling

MS Psychology (Behavior Analysis)

Request for Degree Changes

Courses to be added to candidacy: PSYCH 841 Basic Behavior Analysis,  
PSYCH 892 Special Research Project

Courses to be deleted from candidacy: PSYCH 849 Verbal Behavior, PSYCH 851  
Complex Behavior, PSYCH 722 Fundamental of Tests and Measurement, PSYCH 891  
Methods of Research in Psychology and Counseling

**Dr. Speelman explained that the requested changes are a housekeeping matter. They are deleting courses that are not being taught due to staffing and some that are not part of the program.**

Request for Creation of Course  
PSYCH 841 Basic Behavior Analysis

**Dr. Speelman shared that PSYCH 841 is being created because many students take PSYCH 741 as undergraduates and if PSYCH 741 is not part of the students graduate transcript it will not be recognized for certification.**

**Dr. Jayawardhana asked if students take PSYCH 741 in their final year do they need to take PSYCH 841. Dr. Speelman said that these students would need to take PSYCH 841.**

Request for Creation of Course  
PSYCH 892 Special Research Project

**Dr. Speelman shared that PSYCH 892 will be offered to students completing a capstone project instead of a thesis.**

Certificate in Behavior Analysis  
Request for Degree Changes  
Courses to be added to candidacy: PSYCH 841 Basic Behavior Analysis, PSYCH 830 Psychology of Learning, PSYCH 861 Internship in Behavior Analysis

**Dr. Speelman explained that the changes to the certificate are to keep up with certification standards so that students can be certified and licensed.**

**Dr. Brannock moved to approve the Psychology and Counseling curricular matters, Dr. Harris seconded and the motion carried.**

New Business:

2021 Research Colloquium

**Dr. Sims shared the following regarding the Research Colloquium:**

- He emailed a link to the Research Colloquium webpage to the council prior to the meeting.
- The categories have been narrowed.
- Students will do virtual 3-5 minute presentations with a poster or a power point.
- Studio will be used to create videos and the videos will be uploaded to Canvas.
- Abstracts are due March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Presentations are designed to be done by one person.
- Requesting volunteers for judging. Judging will be done virtually.
- Winners will be posted to the website.
- An abstract book will be created.

**Dr. Thompson asked if students would need to be available for questions as they have in the past. Dr. Sims said that students would not have to be available for questions.**

**Dr. Santra asked if there was a plan to give awards at a banquet. Dr. Smith explained that there may be a virtual awards ceremony. That awards would be given to students or possibly given to faculty to provide to students.**

Information Item:

The departments shall elect a representative to the Graduate Council prior to March 1 of the academic year. The term for the representatives to the Graduate Council shall be from August 1 to July 31 of the subsequent year. Each department chair shall notify the Dean of the Graduate School by March 15 of their elected members. The newly elected representatives shall meet in April for the sole purpose of electing the officers as indicating in II. B. and the Executive Committee as outlined in I. C. 6. the forthcoming year.

There was no old business.

There were no Committee Reports.

**Dr. Thompson moved to adjourn, Dr. Presley seconded and the motion carried.**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 10, 2021.