

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
March 10, 2021
Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Becky Brannock, Jason Clemensen, Mark Diacopoulos, Shirley Drew, Kevin Elliott, Ronny Galloway, Tatiana Goris, Rick Hardy, Jennifer Harris, Anil Lal, Fang Lin, Elizabeth Mascher, Paul McCallum, Hermann Nonnenmacher, Judy Smetana, Howard Smith, Ryan Speelman, Kyle Thompson, Bobby Winters

Guest: Bienvenido Cortes

Absent: Michelle Hudiburg, Ananda Jayawardhana, Matthew Montague, Theresa Presley, Santimukul Santra, Brian Sims

The minutes of the February 10, 2021 meeting were approved with no corrections.

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

The following were submitted for Graduate Faculty Recommendations:

Laurent Pretot	Psychology and Counseling
Praveen Kumar Guraja	Kelce Graduate School of Business
Fang Lin	Kelce Graduate School of Business

Dr. Cortes shared that Praveen Kumar Guraja has previously taught courses in both the College of Technology and the Kelce College of Business and that Praveen is ABD expecting to complete his degree in July 2021. Dr. Cortes explained that the Kelce College of Business accreditation from AACSB considers individuals with ABD status to be scholarly academics that can teach graduate level courses.

Dr. Smetana moved to approve the Graduate Faculty recommendations as a group, Dr. Thompson seconded and the motion carried.

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

New:

Jillian Moga	Communication 21/SU COMM 726 Media Analysis and Criticism
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Renewals:

Tracy Rampy	Teaching and Leadership 20/WF EDTH 868 Educational Technology
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Dr. Drew shared that Jillian Moga is ABD, expecting to complete her dissertation this summer. Dr. Drew explained that Communication needs Jillian to teach 700 level courses since a faculty member who retired has not been replaced.

Dr. Mascher moved to approve the Graduate Service recommendations as a group, Dr. Drew seconded and the motion carried.

The following curricular matters were submitted:

College of Arts and Sciences

History

Request for Revision of Course
HIST 890 Research and Thesis
Grading System

Dr. Thompson shared that the HIST 890 grading system is currently pass/fail, which is causing some issues for veteran students to receive tuition benefits. Therefore, the department has decided to change the course grading system to an A-F grading system.

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

College of Education

Teaching and Leadership

Request for Creation of Course
SPED 755 Individualized Education Programming

Request for Degree Changes
MA Teaching Special Education Elementary
Courses to be added to candidacy: SPED 755 Individualized Education Programming
Courses to be deleted from candidacy: TCHL 879 Instructional Planning and Delivery

Request for Degree Changes
MA Teaching Special Education Secondary
Courses to be added to candidacy: SPED 755 Individualized Education Programming
Courses to be deleted from candidacy: TCHL 839 Techniques for Teaching Secondary Students

Dr. Diacopoulos explained that TCHL 839 and TCHL 879 courses will be replaced with SPED 755, that has more of a focus for special education teachers.

Dr. Thompson moved to approve the Teaching and Leadership curricular matters as a group, Dr. Diacopoulos seconded and the motion carried.

New Business:

Revised DNP Scholarly Project Guide and Manual

Dr. Harris shared that the updates to the guide and manual were made to update the information on the project binding being offered on campus by Printing and Design and to eliminate the approval sheet to streamline the process since the project is submitted electronically and the project chair is able to review and approve electronically.

Revised Thesis Guide and Steps and Important Dates for Online Thesis Steps

Lisa Allen shared that the changes made to the documents reflect the changes in theses binding that is now offered on campus by Printing and Design.

Discussion Items:

Should a Graduate Council meeting be scheduled in August to approve Graduate Faculty and Graduate Service Faculty.

Dr. Speelman asked for input on if it would be beneficial to hold a Graduate Council meeting in August so that the council could review any new Graduate Faculty and Graduate Service Faculty recommendations for approval before the semester starts.

There was discussion regarding when the meeting could be held if a meeting was scheduled. It was suggested that a meeting be held the week before the semester begins on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 3:00 via zoom.

Dr. Speelman requested that the council vote on the proposed date. The council voted and approved of holding an additional meeting on August 9, 2021.

Graduate Council May Meeting Date:

- Currently scheduled for May 5th- Finals Week
- April meeting date is April 21st. If May meeting is moved up a week, we would have meetings two weeks in a row.

Dr. Speelman asked for input on if changes should be made to the May Graduate Council meeting date since the semester is scheduled to end earlier than originally scheduled.

There was discussion regarding changing or eliminating the May meeting. The council decided to wait to determine if changes were needed to this meeting at the April meeting.

There was no old business.

Committee Reports:

Dr. Thompson asked how other departments were notifying students of academic warning and dismissals now that the Graduate Dean has retired. Dr. Smith shared the College Deans should be writing letters to the students to notify them. Dr. Cortes shared that in the Kelce College of Business he writes the letters with the recommendation from their College Dean.

Dr. Smith shared that he has been visiting with Financial Aid regarding extending the deadlines for when grades are due. He explained that the deadline might be extended 1-2 days, but not a full week.

Dr. Brannock moved to adjourn, Dr. Winters seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 21, 2021