

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday February 14, 2007

Present: Cynthia Allan, Sandy Bauchmoyer, Sharon Bowling, Tom Box, Chris Fogliasso, Brenda Frieden, David Hurford, Rusty Jones, David Kuehn, Thomas Hahn, Paul McCallum, Brenda Roberts, Melvin Roush, Robert Schwindt, William Shirley, Dixie Smith, Howard Smith, James Sours, Chris Spera, Ray Willard, Bobby Winters

The minutes of the Wednesday, December 6, 2006 meeting were approved with no corrections.

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

The following were submitted for approval for Graduate Faculty Recommendation:

Dr. Rebekah A. Heath Accounting

Dr. Box moved for approval, Dr. Allan seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Andrew Guo Chemistry

Dr. Mihail Ionescu Chemistry

Dr. Ivan Javni Chemistry

Dr. Zoran S. Petrovic Chemistry

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

Dr. Marilyn Dishman-Horst Curriculum and Instruction

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

Thomas Hahn Engineering Technology

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

Susan Seglie Nursing

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

The following were submitted for approval for Graduate Service Recommendation:

Renewals and/or have received prior approval for other courses:

Dr. Andree Flageolle Art

07/SP ART*895 Research Seminar: Contemporary Art

Dr. Irene Zegar Chemistry

07/SP CHEM*895 Comprehensive Reviews

Jeanette Stengel Curriculum and Instruction

07/SP CURIN*849 The Professional Semester Teacher
–Culminating Experience

William Strenth Engineering Technology

07/SP CM CET*833 Bidding/Estimating Strategies

Michael Leiker	Health, Human Performance and Recreation 07/SP HHPR*823 Advanced Physiology of Exercise
Dr. C. David Dalton	History 07/SP HIST*700 Selected Topics: Progressive Era II
Dr. Stephen Kneeshaw	History 07/SP HIST*700 Selected Topics: Progressive Era II
Tysha Potter	Psychology and Counseling 07/SP PSYCH*806 Special Investigation
Elizabeth Stockard	Psychology and Counseling 07/SP PSYCH*810 Advanced Educational Psychology
Delaina Brown	Special Services and Leadership Studies 07/SP SSLS*732 Topics: Internet Safety Ethics SSLS*732 Topics: Digital Storytelling SSLS*733 Professional Development
Gloria Flynn	Special Services and Leadership Studies 07/SP SSLS*780 Teaching Secondary Students with Functional Learning Needs
Andrew Klenke	Technology Studies 07/SP TE*753 Special Topics in Technology Education: Graduate Project TE*754 Power/Energy/Transportation Systems Technology 07/SU TE*755 Materials and Processes TE*756 Communication Systems Technology TE*806 Studies in Technology Education TE*850 Contemporary Developments in Technology Education TE*851 Teaching Technology to Children TE*863 Topics in Materials and Processes TE*864 Topics in Communication Technology TE*882 Instructional Strategies for Technology Education TE*893 Seminar in Technology Education
John D. Miles	Technology Studies 07/SP WT*795 Special Topics: Graduate Project

Michael W. Neden

Technology Studies

07/SP TE*753 Special Topics in Technology Education:
Graduate Project

TE*851 Teaching Technology to Children

07/SU TE*754 Power/Energy/Transportation Systems
Technology

TE*755 Materials and Processes

TE*756 Communication Systems Technology

TE*806 Studies in Technology Education

TE*841 Production Technology: Manufacturing

TE*850 Contemporary Developments in
Technology Education

TE*863 Topics in Materials and Processes

TE*864 Topics in Communication Technology

TE*882 Instructional Strategies for Technology
Education

TE*893 Seminar in Technology Education

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

New Appointments:

Tim Dell

Automotive Technology

07/SP AT*795 Special Topics: Graduate Project

TST*795 Special Topics: Corp. Project I

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

Michael W. Gullett

Communication

07/SP COMM*740 Topics: Photography

Leonard D. Hudson

Communication

07/SP COMM*715 Documentary Production

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

David Lomshek

Engineering Technology

07/SP ETECH*795 Special Topics (Catia)

ETECH*895 Special Topics (Catia)

Dr. Box moved for approval, Dr. Allan seconded and the motion carried.

Angela Dowell

Family & Consumer Sciences

07/SP FCS*740 Special Topics in FCS

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

Dr. Roy Janisch

Social Sciences

07/SP JUST*702 Community Policing

Dr. Fogliasso moved for approval, Dr. Box seconded and the motion carried.

Teresa J. Falling

Special Services and Leadership Studies

07/SP SSLS*734 Infrastructure Networking

Maureen Markland

Special Services and Leadership Studies
07/SP SSLS*780 Teaching Secondary Students with
Adaptive Learning Needs

Doug Sumner

Special Services and Leadership Studies
07/SP SSLS*809 Legal Foundations of Public
Education

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

Douglas Whitten

Music
07/SP MUSIC*750 Applied Music: Tuba, Euphonium
HAS PRIOR APPROVAL FOR OTHER COURSE(S)

Dr. Kuehn moved for approval, Dr. Shirley seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Robert Thomas

Physics
07/SP PHYS*890 Research and Thesis
PHYS*891 Research Problem

Dr. Kuehn moved for approval, Dr. Box seconded and the motion carried.

The following curricular matters were submitted for approval:

College of Education:

Special Services and Leadership Studies:

Request for Creation of Course: (Effective Spring 2007)
SSLS*870 Grant Writing and External Resources

Dr. Frieden explained this course is being created to bridge the gap between theory and research. Dr. Snyder stated this course has been taught as a Topics course for several years.

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

Old Business:

Proposed Amendments to the In Progress Grade Policy – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder explained the first paragraph has already been approved in November by this Council and has also been approved by the Faculty Senate. If any changes are made in the future to this content, the Faculty Senate will also need to approve the change in order to maintain one policy for this grade in the catalog. Dr. Snyder informed the Council that, if the one year deadline amendment is approved, any faculty member can request an extension for that course for another year. This request must be made to the Registrar and requires the signatures of both the advisor and the Chair. Dr. Snyder went on to explain the possible amendments. Dr. Jones stated the first amendment (Concerning Legislation) takes care of any initial concerns the Council may have had.

Dr. Jones moved for approval of the Legislation amendment,

Dr. Willard seconded and the motion carried. Dr. Roush abstained.

In discussing the amendments regarding Time Limits, Dr. Roberts stated their particular course that would carry this grade can take longer than one year to complete and should not be changed

to an F. Because of that, the second option would be most useful to their department. Dr. Snyder explained it is a departmental choice to be excluded from the one-year roll or not. If a department chooses to be excluded, they must legislate both the course to use the IP grade as well as exemption from the one-year rule. Dr. Jones inquired about the advisors ability to give a grade of F if the course is an IP course. Dr. Snyder responded that an F can be given whenever an advisor sees fit.

**Dr. Schwindt moved for approval of the second Time Limits amendment,
Dr. Allan seconded and the motion carried. Dr. Roush abstained.**

New Business:

Course Grade Requirements and Academic Standing – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder explained that she is bringing this before the Council because it is not clear if it has even been approved by them prior to this date. She explained that for any student who receives a grade of C and does not receive a grade of A to offset the C (i.e. has earned less than a 3.0 GPA), she currently contacts the department to give them a choice of whether the student should be placed on academic alert or academic dismissal. The issue becomes more serious when a student has earned grades of D or F during two semesters. Dr. Willard inquired as to the policy for students to retake a course. Dr. Snyder responded that this policy is in the catalog. If a student earns a grade of C or lower, they may retake the course one time. The Council offered suggestions on the wording for the policy and it will be brought back to vote on during the March meeting.

Discussion:

Thesis – Approval page beyond the approval page included in the thesis

Dr. Snyder explained that some departments have mentioned there should be an additional approval page (beyond that page that is included in the final thesis for binding) to document the Thesis Committee's approval of the student's thesis. The Council was instructed to think over this topic for discussion at the next meeting.

IELTS:

Dr. Snyder added this topic to the agenda. She explained that students expecting to study in other countries (i.e. Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand...) are required to take the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). If they then decide to come to PSU, they are required to take the TOEFL, which creates difficulties for some students. Several important universities in the U.S. currently accept either the TOEFL or the IELTS. Dr. Snyder requested discussion on whether the Council thought this would be acceptable at PSU. Dr. Willard questioned whether this test has been validated in comparison to TOEFL scores. Dr. Snyder responded they have. Dr. Jones asked if this would simply be another option for students or would take the place of the TOEFL. Dr. Snyder stated it would be another option. She informed the Council that she will come back with more documentation and information at a later meeting.

Dr. Bauchmoyer moved to adjourn, Dr. Box seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.
in the Inaugural Room of the Overman Student Center.

In Progress Grade as approved by the Graduate Council, November 8, 2006

IP In Progress, zero credit given, zero grade points per semester hour. Temporarily recorded as a grade when a student is enrolled in a course that requires the student to engage in projects that extend past the end of the semester. The "IP" signifies that the faculty member acknowledges the student is enrolled in a long term project and that the project is not yet complete. Credit is postponed and the course is not included in the student's Grade point average.

In Progress Grade Amendment as approved by the Graduate Council, February 14, 2007

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Courses to be established for the use of the IP grade must be legislated through department/college curriculum committees and the Faculty Senate/Graduate Council. Courses can be legislated to be excluded from the one-year regulation of changing to F if the course is not completed.