

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, April 11, 2007

Present: Sandy Bauchmoyer, Greg Belcher, Tom Box, Cheryl Giefer, Thomas Hahn, Stephen Harmon, Oliver Hensley, David Kuehn, Paul McCallum, James Oliver, Melvin Roush, Robert Schwindt, Dixie Smith, Howard Smith, James Sours, Ray Willard, Bobby Winters,

The minutes of the Wednesday, February 14, 2006 meeting were approved with no corrections.

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

The following were submitted for approval for Graduate Faculty Recommendation:

Richard C. Dearth	Management & Marketing
Eric G. Harris	Management & Marketing
David A. Townsend, Ph.D.	Psychology and Counseling

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

The following was submitted for approval for Graduate Service Recommendation:

Mujtaba Ahsan	Management & Marketing	NEW
	07/WF MGMKT*895	Strategic Management

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

The following curricular matters were submitted for approval:

College of Technology:

Graphics and Imaging Technologies:

Request for Revision of Course: (Effective Fall 2007)

GIT*840 Color Reproduction

GIT*880 Printing Administration

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

Old Business:

Course Grade Requirements and Academic Standing – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder explained she made the requested changes and was now submitting these two topics to become policy.

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

Discussion:

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

Dr. Snyder explained there has been some question as to whether or not there is another form to be signed as approval of a thesis beyond the approval page that is included in the thesis to be bound. Currently, approval of a thesis is obtained through the approval page signatures and in the on-line Graduate System prior to graduation. The council decided there would not need to be additional approvals.

IELTS

Dr. Snyder explained that many other universities, including KU, now accept the IELTS in place of TOEFL for International graduate students. A score of 5.5 on the IELTS is equivalent to a 520 on the TOEFL, and a 6.0 would be equal to a 550. Dr. Kuehn questioned whether the IELTS is meant to replace the TOEFL or if both will be accepted. Dr. Snyder responded that both will be accepted. Dr. Hensley stated that it will be good to have both available as options for potential students.

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

New Business:

When is a thesis really a thesis? – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder explained that, as part of Option I, students must complete a thesis, but not all departments consider the thesis the same. Dr. Snyder stated she wanted to get clarity into what the council considers a thesis. Dr. Willard stated that a thesis committee should be one of the major requirements. Dr. Hensley stated that the definition of a thesis should require the completion of some kind of study. Dr. Willard concluded that a thesis should be defined by the presence of a committee and the completion of a study with a product and/or findings or a creative work.

The Nursing department requires their Option II students to complete a project and have it bound. Dr. Giefer explained that at one time their Option II students' projects were bound in blue, but one year they came back bound in black, just like Option I students' theses. The assumption was that the change for that year started the problem of having the special projects being considered the same as thesis for the binding and was repeated thereafter. The Council agreed that the Nursing projects should not be sent to binding through the Graduate School with the theses. The Nursing department can have the projects bound in a color other than black and they should not be placed in the same section of the library as the thesis.

Online Course and Programs – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder added this item to the agenda. She explained that PSU currently offers two graduate programs completely online and there will probably be more in the future. She questioned whether or not the council would want to approve any new possible online programs. It was decided that the council would want to approve any new possible online programs. Dr. Snyder stated she will bring more on this topic to the council in the future.

Nominations and Voting for New Officers for the 2007-2008 Grad Council

Chair: James Sours volunteered to serve as Chair.

Vice Chair: Dr. Box moved that Dr. Fogliasso serve as Vice Chair, Dr. Winters seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Box moved to approve both, Dr. Winters seconded and the motion carried.

May Meeting Date:

The council decided to keep the May meeting on the 9th. A list of the Spring graduates will be presented on or before the May meeting date.

Dr. Snyder requested a committee that will review new policy recommendations before they come to the council for approval. The committee will consist of Dr. McCallum and James Oliver.

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.
in the Sunflower Room of the Overman Student Center.