

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Present: John Daley, Oliver Hensley, Thomas Hahn, Rusty Jones, David Kuehn, Paul McCallum, James Oliver, Melvin Roush, Janis Schiefelbein, Don Ward, Ray Willard, Dan Williams, Bobby Winters

It was requested that Old Business be moved to the first item on the agenda. Dr. Hodson was present to discuss the issue of fundraising for Graduate Assistantships.

Old Business:

Fundraising for Graduate Assistantships – Dr. Hodson

Dr. Hensley opened the conversation by stating that the council needs an idea of the strategy needed to move on this topic. Dr. Hodson stated that the first step is to express an interest, which the council is doing. Next is to identify a niche market and to create a small group that can verbalize to the Development staff what exactly is needed. He stated that the annual giving staff can develop materials specifically for this need. He emphasized that this need can be integrated into existing campaigns, which eliminates the problem of starting from scratch. He also stated that, while there is not a major gifts coordinator for the graduate school, there are major gift coordinators assigned to each of the four colleges, which could help with this goal. Dr. Jones stated that there are serious deficiencies for graduate assistantships and that such assistantships truly do benefit the university. He would like to see this need included on lists of options that are given to potential donors. Dr. Hodson stated that graduate areas are already on the list in a very general scope, but the listing can be made more specific. Dr. Snyder put forward the idea of creating a bio of the typical graduate students we get at PSU to assist donors in grasping an idea of the reality of our programs. This idea was widely accepted. Dr. Jones expressed his belief that creating more assistantships could increase the number of students and the quality of the programs offered. He inquired whether scholarships are usually only geared toward undergraduate students. Dr. Hodson stated that, unless specified, scholarships can also be for graduate students. Dr. Jones stated he feels that publicizing our graduate students' accomplishments across the campus and in the alumni newsletter would also help this cause. Dr. Hensley requested that a group be established that can meet with the Development staff and that Dr. Snyder be in charge of calling the first meeting. Dr. Winters, Dr. Jones and Dr. Hensley volunteered. It was established that other members could also join the group as meetings are established.

Dr. Willard moved to form this committee, Dr. Kuehn seconded and the motion carried.

The minutes of the Wednesday, October 10, 2007 meeting were approved with no corrections.

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

The following was submitted for approval for Graduate Service Recommendation:

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

Meredith Moody	Art 08/SP ART*701 Independent Studies ART*895 Research Seminar: Contemporary Art
Lindsey Cegelis	Curriculum and Instruction 08/SP CURIN*849 Prof Sem: Teacher-Culminating Experience
Pam Sells	Curriculum and Instruction 08/SP CURIN*720 Content Literacy for Middle & Secondary Teachers
Mike Leiker	Health, Human Performance & Recreation 08/SP HHPR*763 Scientific Principles/Strength Conditioning HHPR*866 Advanced Exercise Physiology
Andrew Lindsay	History 08/SP HIST*700 Selected Subjects: Modern Japan HIST*700 Selected Subjects: Modern China
Delaina Brown	Special Services and Leadership Studies 08/SP SSLS*732 Topics: Educational Blogging SSLS*732 Topics: Web Quest
Gloria Flynn	Special Services and Leadership Studies 08/SP SSLS*738 Char of Students with Adaptive Learning Needs
Deborah Haltom	Special Services and Leadership Studies 08/SP SSLS*750 Assessment in Special Education
Michelle Hudiburg	Special Services and Leadership Studies 08/SP SSLS*731 Digital Portfolio SSLS*733 Professional Development SSLS*737 Cataloging and Classifications

Maureen Markland Special Services and Leadership Studies
08/SP
SSLS*779 Teaching Elementary Students with Adaptive
Learning Needs

Shirley Williams Special Services and Leadership Studies
08/SP
SSLS*853 Teaching Students with Functional Learning Needs
SSLS*860 Practicum: Functional Learning Needs

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

New Appointments:

Julio Noriega Modern Languages and Literatures
08/SP
MLL*750 Topics in Spanish

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

Curricular Matters:

College of Education:

Psychology and Counseling:

Request for Program Change: (Effective Fall 2007)
Program: M.S. Psychology (Clinical)
Change: Add PSYCH*845 Supervised Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy as an
elective for the CMHC option.

Special Services and Leadership Studies:

Request for Creation of Course: (Effective Fall 2007)
SSLS*762 Practicum II
SSLS*876 Teaching Young Students with Adaptive Learning Needs

Request for Revision of Course: (Effective Fall 2007)
SSLS*741 Seminar
(This revision proposed that the credit hours for the course be 1 - 3 hours. It
should have been 0.5 – 3 hours. This correction was requested from Dr.
Christman to Dr. Snyder and was corrected through the Registrar in January 08.)
SSLS*761 Practicum I
SSLS*864 Practicum III

Request for Deletion of Course: (Effective Fall 2007)
SSLS*739 Individuals with Mental Retardation
SSLS*740 Technology of Instruct. Mentally Retarded
SSLS*742 Teaching Students with Disabilities in the Regular Classroom
SSLS*843 Alternative Assessment
SSLS*851 Intro to Early Childhood Special Education
SSLS*856 Individuals with Learning Disabilities
SSLS*857 Children/Youth with Emotional Behavioral Disorders
SSLS*877 Assessment for Early Intervention

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

New Business:

Timeline for Mailing of Agendas – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder explained that some departments would prefer to have the agendas sent out closer to the meeting date than they are currently being sent. After some discussion, it was established that items for the agenda will be due the Thursday before the meeting date and the agendas will be mailed out the next day, the Friday before the meeting date. Chairs and the Council members will be notified when any dates are changed from the second Wednesday of the month.

Discussion of the need to change the next meeting date to the first week of the month instead of the second to allow for review of Fall graduates.

Dr. Snyder questioned whether there is still the need to change the meeting date for December and May meetings to review graduates. Dr. Kuehn stated he would prefer to meet during dead week, rather than finals week.

Dr. Kuehn moved to change the meeting date to December 5th, James Oliver seconded and the motion carried.

Information on Programs

Dr. Jones inquired about information regarding program changes. Dr. Snyder stated that Dr. Scott will come to speak to the Council regarding this information. She inquired whether the Council would like to hear from Dr. Wilkinson in the meantime. Dr. Jones stated that Dr. Wilkinson has already been to the departments to discuss the issue. The Council would like to hear from Dr. Scott at a later meeting date.

Dr. Jones moved to adjourn, Dr. Ward seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.
in the Inaugural Room of the Overman Student Center.