

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Present: Sandy Bauchmoyer, John Daley, Shirley Drew, David Hurford, Rusty Jones, David Kuehn, Paul McCallum, James Oliver, Melvin Roush, Janis Schiefelbein, Robert Schwindt, Bipin Shah, Dixie Smith, James Sours, Don Ward, Ray Willard, Larry Williamson, Bobby Winters

The minutes of the Wednesday, April 9, 2008 meeting were approved with no corrections.

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

The following were submitted for approval for Graduate Teaching Recommendation:

Anna Friend	Special Services and Leadership Studies
Brian Sandford	Technology Studies

Dr. Ward moved to make these a unit and for approval, James Oliver 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:

Ron Downing	Automotive Technology 08/SU AT*795 Topics: Skills USA 08 Educators
Paul Herring	Engineering Technology 08/SU ETECH*805 Current Issues in Engineering Technology
Verneda Edwards	Special Services and Leadership Studies 08/SU SSLS*834 Curriculum Development

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

New Appointments:

Ann Wick	Technology Studies 08/SU TTED*807 Career/Technical Education Student Organizations
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Dr. Ward moved for approval, Dr. Winters seconded and the motion carried.

Curricular Matters: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Change in requirements for IELTS – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder explained that some recent events have led to the belief that the requirements for IELTS should be raised. The new requirements will be as follows:

- 520/68 TOEFL equivalent = 6.0
- 550/79 TOEFL equivalent = 6.5
- Each of the four band scores must be at least a 6.0

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

Approval of Spring graduates

Dr. Ward moved to approve with any necessary revisions required by the department, Dr. Winters seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Ward moved to temporarily adjourn the meeting of the Grad Council and reconvene as Graduate Faculty to approve the list of Spring graduates, Dr. Winters seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Jones moved to approve the list of Spring graduates with any necessary revisions required by the department, Dr. Bauchmoyer seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Kuehn moved to adjourn the meeting of the Graduate Faculty and reconvene as the Grad Council, Dr. Williamson seconded and the motion carried.

Message from Dr. Scott

Dr. Scott, Vice President of Academic Affairs, addressed the Council. He stated that graduate degrees are needed in our area and that having graduate programs helps to recruit new faculty to PSU. He addressed the future considerations of integrated degree programs and online course support.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.
in the Inaugural Room of the Overman Student Center.