

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, November 12, 2008**

**Present:** Sandy Bauchmoyer, Greg Belcher, Shirley Drew, Tim Flood, Ann George, Stephen Harmon, David Hurford, Rusty Jones, David Kuehn, Paul McCallum, James Oliver, Melvin Roush, Janis Schiefelbein, Robert Schwindt, James Sours, Jay Van Wyk, Don Ward, Ray Willard, Marti York

The minutes of the Wednesday, October 8, 2008 meeting were approved with no corrections.

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

The following was submitted for approval for Graduate Faculty Recommendation:

Mike Gullett                      Communication

There was discussion on whether Mr. Gullett's MA was a terminal degree. Dr. Drew stated that it is because of his extensive amount of professional experience within the field. Dr. Snyder read the policy regarding terminal degree requirements for the Communication department, which states that an MFA, MA or MS can be the terminal degree when combined "with extensive and relevant commercial experience".

**James Oliver moved for approval, Dr. Bauchmoyer seconded and the motion carried.**

The following were submitted for approval for Graduate Service Recommendations:

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

Lowell Martinie                      Curriculum and Instruction  
09/SP  
CURIN\*879 Instructional Planning and Delivery

Jeanette Stengel                      Curriculum and Instruction  
09/SP  
CURIN\*849 The Professional Semester Teacher –  
Culminating Experience

David Lomshek                      Engineering Technology  
09/SP  
ETECH\*795 Special Topics: CATIA

Mike Leiker                      Health, Human Performance and Recreation  
09/SP  
HHPR\*760 Tech/Instrumentation in Human Performance

Mary Susan Wachter                      Nursing  
09/SP  
NURS\*890 Research Thesis  
NURS\*891 Research Problem

Bradley Hunt	Psychology and Counseling 09/SP PSYCH*822 Practicum in Counseling PSYCH*895 Internship PSYCH*912 Advanced Counseling Practicum PSYCH*995 Internship
Tysha Potter	Psychology and Counseling 09/SP PSYCH*806 Special Investigations (Individual Project)
Teresa Falling	Special Services and Leadership Studies 09/SP SSLS*734 Infrastructure Networking
Gloria Flynn	Special Services and Leadership Studies 09/SP SSLS*780 Teaching Secondary Students w/Adaptive Learning Needs
Maureen Markland	Special Services and Leadership Studies 09/SP SSLS*780 Teaching Secondary Students w/Adaptive Learning Need

**Dr. Belcher moved to make these a unit and for approval, Dr. York seconded and the motion carried.**

**New Appointments:**

Li-Li Tseng	Art 09/SP ART*701 Independent Study: Art History ART*801 Independent Study: Art History ART*895 Research Seminar: Contemporary Art
Ronny Galloway	Engineering Technology 09/SP ETECH*809 Engineering Management
Kristi Frisbee	Nursing 09/SP NURS*890 Research Thesis NURS*891 Research Problem
Jennifer Harris	Nursing 09/SP NURS*890 Research Thesis NURS*891 Research Problem

Karen Johnson

Nursing

09/SP

NURS\*890 Research Thesis

NURS\*891 Research Problem

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

Curricular Matters:

College of Arts and Sciences

**English**

Request for Revision of Course: (Effective 09/WF)

Change in course description:

ENGL\*756 Topics in Writing

ENGL\*850 Creative Writing Workshop

**Music**

Request for inactive status for MM in Music with emphasis in Piano Pedagogy

**Social Sciences**

Official deletion of MS in Justice Studies and Justice Administration degrees

Request for Deletion of Course: (Effective 08/WF)

POLS\*797 Seminar: Special Topics in POLS

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

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A message from Dr. Scott

Dr. Scott, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, addressed the Council. He stated that enrollment is good this semester, with some of the best growth at the graduate level. He emphasized his appreciation of the efforts of the graduate faculty. He addressed the issue involving copyright and course packs and asked that any questions or concerns with this issue be brought to him. He stated that there are allowances for fair use and that Bob Walter and Fawn Baker are good resources for anyone with questions. Dr. Scott also

briefly discussed program review and the current situation involving the budget and the economy.

#### Faculty request to change student grades after a grade has been posted – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder explained that she has had several requests to change grades from over a year ago. These requests were not made because of errors in grade computations, but because the student has completed more work since receiving their final grade for the course. She asked the Council to contemplate this issue and she will work on drafting a policy.

#### Enrollment Information – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder explained the numbers from the handout she presented and discussed that she would like to start working with departments/advisors to pursue students who walk away from their program with just a few hours left before completing their degree. These students sometimes reappear years later and find it is too late to complete their requirements at that time. She also explained that it is her belief that attempting to recruit out-of-state students will not be successful but that it is possible to entice more International students to pursue graduate degrees at PSU. Turkey is a new market that she is hoping to recruit more students from.

#### Grades for Comprehensive Exams – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder explained that, in the Graduate System, all possible grading options for comprehensive exams must be listed as an option to select from. Currently, the options of A, B, C, P or F are available. Only the programs of HHPR, History and Special Education Teaching use letter grades. She asked these three programs to contemplate changing to a P/F grade and report back to the Graduate Office with their thoughts/decision.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.  
in the Inaugural Room of the Overman Student Center.