

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Present: Jonathan Dresner, Richard Herling, Ananda Jayawardhana, Rusty Jones, Chuck Killingsworth, Sean Lauderdale, Paul McCallum, James Oliver, Brenda Roberts, Jesus Rodriguez, Alice Sagehorn, Brian Sandford, Robert Schwindt, William Shirley, Jay Van Wyk, Don Ward, Ray Willard, Larry Williamson, Xiaolu Xu

The minutes of the Wednesday, February 16, 2011 meeting were approved with this correction.

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

Curricular Matters:

College of Education:

Special Services and Leadership Studies: (Effective 11/WF)

Request for Creation of Course:

SSLS*833 Leadership and Collaboration in Special Education

Request for Revision of Course:

SSLS*745 Classroom Management Techniques (title, description)

SSLS*761 Practicum I (title, credit hours, grading system, description)

SSLS*860 Practicum: Functional Learning Needs (grading system, description)

SSLS*872 Practicum II (title, number, credit hours, description)

SSLS*864 Practicum III (title, number, credit hours, description)

Dr. Willard moved to make all course requests a unit and for approval, Dr. Williamson seconded and the motion carried.

Request for Degree Changes - MS Special Education Teaching (Adaptive, Pre K-12):

- Additional Degree Requirements: Change from comprehensive exam to a capstone project
- Courses to be added to candidacy:
 - SSLS*822 Seminar in Special Education Law
 - SSLS*833 Leadership and Collaboration in Special Education
- Courses to be deleted from candidacy:
 - SSLS*744 Special Education Technology
 - SSLS*849 Partnerships with Families of Exceptional Children and Youth
 - SSLS*861 The Professional Special Educator

Request for Degree Changes - MS Special Education Teaching (Functional K-6, 6-12):

- Number of hours required for each option:
 - Option I – change from 42 to 39
 - Option II – change from 39 to 36
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Dr. York was present to explain these requests. The program changes are meant to revise and update their current degree program as they transition into a cohort system. Cohorts will begin each fall semester only. The courses listed as deleted from candidacy are only being removed from this degree program, not from the department's catalog.

Dr. Ward moved to make the degree change requests a unit and for approval, Dr. Roberts seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Submitting Midterm Grades – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder explained that Faculty Senate has voted not to report grades of C at midterms. On a separate note, they have voted to now require faculty to enter passing/not passing for all students in their courses, instead of entering information only for those that are not passing. Dr. Snyder will discuss this issue with OIS to determine how difficult it would be to exempt graduate students from the new programming. She will report back to the Council at a later meeting.

New Business:

Changes to Graduate Assistant Policy – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder explained the reasons behind proposed changes to the current policy. Several programs in the College of Education offer only six hours of enrollment each semester and other programs have expressed that nine hours of enrollment is too heavy a requirement for their assistants. Because of these issues, the Provosts Leadership Council has discussed changing minimum required enrollment for G.A.s to six hours during the fall and spring semesters. International students will still need to enroll in nine hours to maintain their status. Departments will have the flexibility to determine if they wish to require more than the minimum enrollment. The proposed policy is being drafted and will be brought back to the Council for approval. She would like the new policy to be in effect for the 11/WF semester.

Enrollment Numbers – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder passed around a packet of information for Council members and departments outlining historic and current enrollment and graduation rates.

Service/Faculty Requests – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder encouraged Council members to remind their departments to submit new service and faculty requests that will need approval for 11/SU and 11/WF for the April agenda.

The April meeting date will be Wednesday, April 13, 2011.
The meeting will be held in the Inaugural Room of the Overman Student Center.