

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Present: Mujtaba Ahsan, Shirley Drew, Ann George, Richard Herling, Ananda Jayawardhana, Rusty Jones, Chuck Killingsworth, Paul McCallum, James Oliver, Brenda Roberts, Julie Samuels, Janis Schiefelbein, Robert Schwindt, Jay Van Wyk, Don Ward, Ray Willard, Larry Williamson, Xiaolu Xu

Dr. Dresner had expressed a concern with the minutes regarding the outcome of the Thesis Committee Requirements discussion under New Business. It was determined that “and the proposal lacked a second” would be removed so that the outcome now reads as “After much discussion, it was decided to leave the policy as is.”

The minutes of the Wednesday, November 10, 2010 meeting were approved with this correction.

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

The following was submitted for approval for Graduate Faculty Recommendation:

Jeremy Wade	Mathematics
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Dr. Ward moved for approval, James Oliver 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:

William Strenth	Construction Management and Construction Engineering Technology 11/SP CMCET*795 Sp. Tp.: BIM/VDC Process CMCET*833 Estimating/Bidding
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Andrey Beyle	Engineering Technology 11/SP ETECH*795 Sp. Tp.: Mech of Comp and Structure ETECH*795 Sp. Tp.: Advanced Electromagnetic ETECH*810 Collaborative Projects in Eng. Tech. ETECH*888 Design of Experiments
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Erik Mayer	Engineering Technology 11/SP EET*842 Programmable Logic Devices EET*845 Advanced Microprocessor System/Applications ETECH*795 Sp. Tp: Programmable Logic Devices
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James Clanton	Music 11/SP MUSIC*728 Pedagogy/Literature MUSIC*850 Applied Percussion
Carol Deats	Music 11/SP MUSIC*750 Applied French Horn
Jennifer Harris	Nursing 11/SP NURS*812 Primary Care II – Management of Complex Health Problems
Karen Johnson	Nursing 11/SP NURS*818 Advanced Pharmacology
Tamara Simon	Nursing 11/SP NURS*804 Adv. Health Assessment: Practicum NURS*805 Sp. Inv.: Health Assessment

Dr. Jayawardhana moved to make renewals a unit and for approval, Dr. Drew seconded and the motion carried.

New Appointments:

Marcelo Ramalho-Ortigao	Biology 11/SP BIOL*890 Research and Thesis – serve on committee
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Dr. Jayawardhana moved for approval, Dr. Williamson seconded and the motion carried.

Curricular Matters:

College of Arts and Sciences:

Biology:

Request for Addition of Option III – Coursework to MS degree

This item was tabled at the November meeting at Dr. Wu’s request. She explained the department has now reached a unanimous decision and would like the Council to consider this request. They are asking to add Option III – Coursework to their MS in Biology degree.

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

Amendment to Graduate Exchange Student policy – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder explained this amendment will allow exchange students who need several hours of foundation coursework to take these hours over their two semesters on the exchange, provided they do not take more than twelve graduate hours during that time. This amendment became necessary when class schedules did not allow these students to take only foundation hours during their first semester on their exchange.

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

Change in Mid-Semester Report of Grades policy – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder explained Faculty Senate has voted to include reporting of grades of C with Ds and Fs for mid-term grades. Dr. Jayawardhana was present to explain the close vote at Faculty Senate and felt this issue would be revisited by the Senate in the coming months. The Council decided to wait until the Faculty Senate has reached a firm decision and no action was taken.

Allowing changes to students candidacy plans– Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder explained that the electronic candidacy was originally set to not allow for changes once signatures have been obtained. With the electronic process, this safeguard is no longer as necessary, so she is considering allowing advisors to make changes to the candidacy as needed. Department Chairs and the Graduate Office would continue to be required to approve any changes made after the date of original approval once the student has petitioned to graduate. Dr. Jayawardhana moved to table this until February so that representatives can take the information to their departments for discussion.

Enrollment notifications now linked to candidacy – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder explained that enrollment in classes is now linked to candidacies, similar to undergraduate degree audits. Advisors and students will notice a new notification related to this during enrollment, but will have the option to override and still enroll in the selected course.

Approval of Fall graduates

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

Dr. Ward moved to adjourn the meeting of the Grad Council and reconvene as Graduate Faculty to approve the list of Fall graduates, James Oliver seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Ward moved to approve the list of Fall graduates with any necessary revisions required by the department, Dr. Willard seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Williamson moved to adjourn the meeting of the Graduate Faculty, Dr. Jones seconded and the motion carried.

The February meeting date will be Wednesday, February 9, 2011.
The meeting will be held in the Inaugural Room of the Overman Student Center.