

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Present: Mujtaba Ahsan, Jonathan Dresner, Shirley Drew, Ann George, Cheryl Giefer, Richard Herling, Ananda Jayawardhana, Rusty Jones, David Kuehn, Eric Mayer, Paul McCallum, James Oliver, Brenda Roberts, Alice Sagehorn, Julie Samuels, Brian Sandford, Jan Schiefelbein, Robert Schwindt, William Shirley, Don Ward, Larry Williamson, Xiaolu Xu

The minutes of the Wednesday, March 9, 2011 meeting were approved with no corrections.

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

The following were submitted for Graduate Faculty Recommendation(s):

Kristen Humphrey	History, Philosophy and Social Sciences
Leah Childers	Mathematics

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

The following were submitted for Graduate Service Recommendation(s):

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

R. Scott Norman	Automotive Technology 11/SU AT*795 Tp: Skills USA 2011 Educators
Erica Edwards	Communication 11/WF COMM*733 Producing and Directing: Studio Production
Cristine Elliott	Family and Consumer Sciences 11/SU FCS*740 Sp Tp: Advanced Teaching 11/WF FCS*740 Sp Tp: Extension Research
Kirstin Lawson	History 11/SU HIST*805 Readings in American History (19 th Century)
Jennifer Harris	Nursing 11/WF NURS*890 Research and Thesis NURS*891 Research Problem

Karen Johnson	Nursing 11/WF NURS*890 Research and Thesis NURS*891 Research Problem
Lori Chalmers	Psychology and Counseling 11/WF PSYCH*845 Super Pract of Marriage and Family Therapy
Kelly Heiskell	Psychology and Counseling 11/SU PSYCH*759 Advanced Developmental Psychology
Darrick Perry	Psychology and Counseling 11/SU PSYCH*741 Behavior Modification
Judy Van Hoy	Psychology and Counseling 11/SU PSYCH*712 Medical Risk Issues
Delaina Brown	Special Services and Leadership Studies 11/SU SSLS*732 Tps in Ed Tech: Google Tools SSLS*732 Tps in Ed Tech: Online Creativity SSLS*834 Curriculum Development
Michelle Hudiburg	Special Services and Leadership Studies 11/SU SSLS*732 Tps in Ed Tech: PSU 2011 Tech Conference 11/WF SSLS*735 Information Retrieval/Transfer SSLS*805 Design and Production

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

New Appointments:

Michelle Grimes	Health, Human Performance and Recreation 11/SU HHPR*704 Workshop: Ropes/Sports Conditioning
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Dr. Dresner moved for approval, Dr. Williamson seconded and the motion carried.

Curricular Matters:

College of Arts and Sciences

Chemistry:

Request for Revision of Course:

CHEM*793 Advanced Chemical Kinetics (course description)

CHEM*895 Comprehensive Reviews in Chemistry (course description)

Request for Degree Changes – MS Chemistry:

- Number of hours required:
Option I – change from 31 to 30
- Course to be deleted from candidacy:
CHEM*895 Comprehensive Reviews in Chemistry

Request for New Emphasis areas:

(within the current MS Chemistry degree)

- Professional (renaming the current program)
- Polymer
- Biochemistry

Dr. Shirley explained the department is asking to change their current MS degree program from having no emphasis to having three separate emphasis areas. Each emphasis will be distinguished from the others by research only. Dr. Snyder stated that emphasis areas are generally distinguished by 9-12 credit hours in a degree program, which would not be the case with this change.

Dr. Shirley moved to approve these requests as a unit, Dr. Sandford seconded. The motion failed with 3 approving votes and 9 opposing votes.

Physics:

Request for Creation of Course:

PHYS*743 Solid State Electronics

Dr. Kuehn explained this course is being created at the request of the Engineering Technology Department.

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

College of Education

Psychology and Counseling:

Request for Revision of Course:

PSYCH*740 Topics in Psychology (credit hours)

PSYCH*759 Advanced Developmental Psychology (course number, prerequisites)

PSYCH*834 Introduction to Human Neuropsychology (prerequisites)

Request for Deletion of Course:
PSYCH*770 Forensic Psychology

Request for Degree Changes – MS Psychology (General):

- Courses to be added to candidacy
PSYCH*834 Intro to Human Neuropsychology
PSYCH*859 Advanced Developmental Psychology
- Courses to be deleted from candidacy
PSYCH*761 History and Systems (required)
PSYCH*724 Physio Psychology (required)
PSYCH*685 Psychology of Personality (elective)
PSYCH*756 Social Psychology (elective)

Dr. Ward explained these changes are requested in order to bring the MS Psychology (General) degree up to compliance.

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

Old Business:

Changes to Graduate Assistant Policy – Dr. Snyder

Dr. Snyder gave an fyi that the new policy has been approved by the Provost's Leadership Council and will be in effect for the Fall 2011 semester. This policy lowers required enrollment from 9 to 6 hours, sets the maximum enrollment at 12 hours without approval and defines the overload allowance.

1. New Business:

Two policies pertaining to large/combined departments – Dr. Snyder

Fair representation on the Council – Dr. Snyder explained the current departments of Curriculum and Instruction and Special Services and Leadership Studies graduate more than 50% of students graduating each year. It is possible that these two departments will be combined in 2012. Under the current policy they would have only three representatives. It was discussed that language could be changed to say “degrees” instead of “departments” or a range going beyond 3 representatives could be established. Dr. Snyder will draft options and bring this back to the Council for review.

Outside member on thesis committees – Dr. Michael Kelley was present to discuss how the merging of the previous History Department into the current History, Philosophy and Social Sciences has negatively affected the thesis committees of History majors. A request to review the policy language could be changed to say “degree” instead of “department” in reference to the outside committee member.

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

Potential Partnership to provide a graduate program on campus – Dr. Kelley

Dr. Michael Kelley was present to explain that Newman University has asked to come to campus to offer an MS in Social Work. An MS in Social Work is a degree program many PSU undergraduate students have requested, but our department cannot offer themselves. The opportunity will be offered to other Kansas state universities first if determined to be beneficial. The Council decided they would like to review the degree program being offered and continue this discussion at a later meeting.

Nominations and Voting for New Officers for the 2011-2012 Graduate Council

Chair – Dr. Sandford was nominated and accepted.

Vice Chair – Dr. Jayawardhana volunteered for the position.

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

Approval to change the next meeting date to the first week of the month instead of the second to allow for a review of Spring graduates.

Dr. Snyder asked Council members to remind their departments that any legislation for May's agenda needs to be submitted a week earlier than usual.

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

The May meeting date will be Wednesday, May 4, 2011.

The meeting will be held in the Inaugural Room of the Overman Student Center.