

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 12, 2016

In Attendance: Chris Christman, Derek Crawford, Carolyn Fehrenbach, Tim Flood, Kristi Frisbee, Ronny Galloway, Michelle Hudiburg, Karen Johnson, Pawan Kahol, David Kuehn, Paul McCallum, Herman Nonnenmacher, Joey Pogue, Brenda Roberts, Cole Shewmake, William Shirley, Brian Sims, Jay Van Wyk, Bruce Warner

Guest: Petar Dvornic, Cheryl Giefer

Absent: Donald Baack, Harriet Bachner, Kailash Chandra, Jonathan Dresner, Kevin Elliott, David Hurley, Jeanea Lambeth, Robert Morton, MeLisa Rogers

Business:

Welcome from President Dr. Steve Scott

Deborah White provided an overview of the electronic thesis submission process through Digital Commons.

The minutes of the September 2016 meeting were approved with no corrections.

Dr. Flood moved for approval, Dr. Van Wyk seconded and the motion carried.

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

Cole Shewmake	Health, Human Performance and Recreation
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Dr. Flood mentioned that Cole Shewmake should not have been a Graduate Council representative prior to be approved as Graduate Faculty.

Dr. Roberts moved for approval, Dr. Christman seconded and the motion carried.

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

New Appointments:

Rick Hardy	Health, Human Performance and Recreation 17/SP HHPR 820 Foundations of Rec & Leisure
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Dr. Roberts moved for approval, Dr. Flood seconded and the motion carried.

Renewal:

Morgan McCune	Library Services 16/WF Serve on graduate theses committees
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Dr. McCallum explained to the council that the English department would like to have Morgan available to serve on thesis committees.

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

Curricular Matters:

College of Arts and Sciences

School of Nursing

Request for Degree Changes
Add MSN Education Concentration/Track

Dr. Giefer explained that individuals that teach at Community Colleges want this degree to learn to teach nursing.

Dr. Crawford moved for approval, Dr. Van Wyk seconded and the motion carried.

College of Education

Psychology and Counseling

MS Counseling Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Request for Deletion of Program Emphasis

Request for Deletion of Course
PSYCH 854 Group Counseling

MS Psychology Clinical Emphasis
Request for Degree Changes
Degree Course Requirements: Delete PSYCH 854 from candidacy

MS Counseling School Counseling Emphasis
Request for Degree Changes
Degree Course Requirements: Delete PSYCH 740, PSYCH 840 and
PSYCH 810 from candidacy

Dr. Warner explained that the Psychology and Counseling department made the decision to delete the MS Counseling Clinical Mental Health Counseling emphasis due to lack of resources and enrollment.

Dr. Warner also clarified that PSYCH 810 was not being deleted from the MS Counseling School Counseling emphasis candidacy, but that it is now part of the core instead of an elective.

Dr. Kuehn moved for approval, Dr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried. Dr. Bachner abstained from voting to eliminate the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program through a proxy vote.

Old Business:

Dr. Flood inquired who had been elected for the Graduate Council Executive Committee.

The following were elected:

Arts and Sciences: Joey Pogue

Business: Donald Baack

College of Education: Michelle Hudiburg

College of Technology: Ronny Galloway

New Business: Discussion Item: Graduate Council Constitution and By-laws

<http://www.pittstate.edu/dotAsset/b93aeb79-4c92-47be-85fc-4ae7bbb25bf9.pdf>

Dr. Kahol described the section of the By-laws regarding Graduate Faculty and Graduate Service Faculty. He explained that sometimes departments would like to have an outside person that is not a PSU faculty member serve on thesis committees. If departments want to have an outside person approved to serve on a thesis committee currently they cannot be approved since they are not PSU faculty. Dr. Kahol suggested creating a third membership category for these individuals and adding it to the By-laws. There was discussion regarding what this category would be named and what credentials would be required of these individuals. Dr. Kahol plans to write up a proposal for this category and include it in the November agenda.

Dr. Sims brought up the issue of academic misconduct. He pointed out that there is an academic misconduct policy in place for undergraduate students but that there is not a policy for graduate students. He expressed the need to create this policy during this school year. Dr. Kahol agreed to develop a policy and to bring it to the Graduate Council for approval.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting date will be Wednesday, November 9, 2016. The meeting will be held in the Governors Room of the Overman Student Center.

