

## GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

December 7, 2016

**In Attendance:** Donald Baack, Harriet Bachner, Jonathan Dresner, Kevin Elliott, Carolyn Fehrenbach, Tim Flood, Kristi Frisbee, Ronny Galloway, Michelle Hudiburg, Karen Johnson, David Kuehn, Jeanea Lambeth, Paul McCallum, Robert Morton, Hermann Nonnenmacher, Pawan Kahol, Brenda Roberts, MeLisa Rogers, Cole Shewmake, William Shirley, Bruce Warner

**Guest:** Celia Patterson, Jamie McDaniel

**Absent:** Kailash Chandra, Chris Christman, Derek Crawford, David Hurley, Joey Pogue, Brian Sims, Jay Van Wyk

### **Business:**

Approval of 2016 Winter/Fall Graduates

**The Graduate Faculty convened to approve the graduates: Dr. Baack moved to approve the Winter/Fall graduates contingent on them meeting the degree requirements, Dr. Kuehn seconded and the motion carried.**

**Dr. Baack moved to adjourn the Graduate Faculty meeting, Dr. Hudiburg seconded and the motion carried.**

College Deans: The following Deans provided remarks regarding their college to the council  
Dr. Pomatto, College of Arts and Sciences  
Dr. Smith (Interim Dean), College of Education  
Tim Thomas (Interim Associate Dean), College of Technology

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

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

**Dr. Bachner made a clarification to the October 2016 minutes regarding the deletion of the MS Counseling Clinical Mental Health Counseling emphasis. She clarified that this emphasis was not deleted due to low enrollment, it was being deleted due to the expense of the accreditation process and because Dr. Don Ward who served as the program advisor for this emphasis is retiring.**

**Dr. Hudiburg moved to approve the clarification to the October minutes, Dr. Lambeth seconded and the motion carried.**

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

Robert Frisbee                      Automotive Technology

John Thompson                      Automotive Technology

**Dr. Flood mentioned that both recommendations from Automotive Technology have the terminal degree that is listed in the Unclassified Handbook, but pointed out that the**

requirements listed are specific to those individuals teaching undergraduate courses not master's courses.

Dr. Flood moved to approve the Automotive Technology recommendations, Dr. Kuehn seconded and the motion carried.

Christine Brodsky                      Biology

There was discussion regarding what should be considered comparable experience. Dr. Flood mentioned that experience as a graduate assistant or an adjunct usually does not count. Dr. Dresner mentioned that being an adjunct should count because adjuncts typically advise students. Dr. Kahol stated that comparable experience could be through teaching or research and that both Biology recommendations had research experience. Dr. Nonnenmacher mentioned that the Biology recommendations wanted to lead masters students with research not just serve on committee's and that faculty have research obligations that start from the beginning and that he feels that the language on the form should be changed.

Dr. Baack moved for approval, Dr. Hudiburg seconded, and the motion carried. Dr. Flood opposed. Dr. Nonnenmacher and Dr. Bachner abstained.

Andrew George                      Biology

Dr. Flood mentioned that the same issues with comparable experience exist with this recommendation that he mentioned with the other Biology recommendation.

Dr. Baack moved for approval, Dr. Lambeth seconded and the motion carried. Dr. Flood opposed. Dr. Nonnenmacher abstained.

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

**New Appointments:**

Ashleigh Heter                      School of Nursing  
17/SP  
NURS 813 Primary Care II Practicum  
NURS 818 Applied Drug Therapy  
NURS 828 Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship  
NURS 803 Advanced Health Assessment  
NURS 804 Advanced Health Assessment  
Practicum

Trina Larery                      School of Nursing  
17/SP  
NURS 813 Primary Care II Practicum  
NURS 818 Applied Drug Therapy  
NURS 828 Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship  
NURS 803 Advanced Health Assessment  
NURS 804 Advanced Health Assessment  
Practicum

**Dr. Kahol mentioned that he checked with other universities regarding the terminal degree to teach in a DNP program. He stated that he learned that when assigning courses the department has to make a distinction to assign only clinical DNP courses and no research DNP courses. Dr. Frisbee stated that she holds the same degree as both recommendations.**

**Dr. Dresner moved to approve both School of Nursing recommendations for one semester, then withdrew the motion.**

**Dr. Flood moved for approval of both School of Nursing recommendations, Dr. Lambeth seconded and the motion carried.**

Curricular Matters:

### **College of Arts and Sciences**

#### Physics

Request for Creation of Course: PHYS 754 Thin Films

Request for Creation of Course: PHYS 712 Electromagnetics

**Dr. Kuehn explained that both of these courses have previously been taught as advanced topics courses and that they had received a request from Engineering Technology to offer PHYS 712. Dr. Flood asked if Modern Physics would be a required prerequisite, Dr. Kuehn explained that typically it isn't that they trust the department to direct the students and the course requires permission.**

**Dr. Baack moved for approval, Dr. Fehrenbach seconded and the motion carried.**

#### English and Modern Languages

Request for Creation of Course: ENGL 726 Advanced Writing in Electronic Environment

Request for Creation of Course: ENGL 727 Advanced Writing for the Public

Request for Creation of Course: ENGL 728 Advanced Writing for Publication

Request for New Emphasis: MA English with Emphasis in Professional Writing

Request for Degree Changes: MA English with Emphasis in Professional Writing  
Options Available and Number of Hours Required  
Additional Degree Requirements

Degree Course Requirements: Courses to be added to candidacy

“Jump Start” Master of Arts Pathway for Professional Writing Emphasis”

**Dr. Flood asked why all three options were listed, when the program states that a research problem or a thesis should be completed. Dr. McDaniel stated that this**

**emphasis is an adaptation to a previous program. He stated that they do want the research component so Option III would need to be removed.**

**Dr. McCallum moved for approval with the modification to remove Option III, Dr. Baack seconded and the motion carried.  
College of Education**

Teaching and Leadership

Request for Degree Changes: Autism Spectrum Disorder Certificate  
Offer current graduate degree 50% or more online  
Degree Course Requirements: Courses to be added to candidacy  
Courses to be deleted from candidacy

**Dr. Hudiburg mentioned that this certificate is a joint program with Fort Hays State University and that the change is being requested because FHS was offering this course as an advanced topics course and now they are offering it as a regular course. The Teaching and Leadership department is requesting the change so they can update their program guide and offer the certificate more than 50% online.**

**Dr. Baack moved for approval, Dr. Fehrenbach seconded and the motion carried.**

Old Business:

Revision of Graduate Council Constitution and By-laws: Graduate Service  
Research Faculty  
<http://www.pittstate.edu/dotAsset/b93aeb79-4c92-47be-85fc-4ae7bbb25bf9.pdf>

Revision of Thesis Guide

**There was much discussion regarding the proposed new language to the by-laws. It was determined that more clarification and revisions are needed to the new language. Dr. Kahol will continue to make revisions and submit a revision at the next meeting.**

Adjourn

**Dr. Kuehn moved to adjourn, Dr. Flood seconded and the motion carried.**

The next meeting date will be Wednesday, February 8, 2017. The meeting will be held in the Governors Room of the Overman Student Center.

