

## GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 12, 2017

**In Attendance:** Donald Baack, Harriet Bachner, Jonathan Dresner, Carolyn Fehrenbach, Tim Flood, Kristi Frisbee, Ronny Galloway, Karen Johnson, Pawan Kahol, David Kuehn, Erik Mayer, Paul McCallum, Hermann Nonnenmacher, MeLisa Rogers, Cole Shewmake, William Shirley, Brian Sims, Bruce Warner

**Absent:** Chris Christman, Derek Crawford, Kevin Elliott, Michelle Hudiburg, David Hurley, Jeanea Lambeth, Robert Morton, Joey Pogue, Brenda Roberts, Jay Van Wyk

**New Members Present:** Eli Aba, Becky Brannock, Shirley Drew, Rick Hardy, Matthew Montague

**Guest:** John Iley, Khamis Siam

### **Business:**

New Business: Nominations and Voting of New Officers for the 2017-2018 Graduate Council.

Nominations for Chair: Bill Shirley, Jonathan Dresner, Brian Sims, Bruce Warner

Jonathan Dresner accepted the nomination to serve as the 2017-2018 Graduate Council Chair.

**Dr. Baack moved for approval of Jonathan Dresner's nomination by acclamation, Dr. Flood seconded and the motion carried.**

Nominations for Vice Chair: Karen Johnson, Brian Sims

**Karen Johnson is the 2017-2018 Graduate Council Vice Chair with the majority votes.**

The minutes of the March 2017 meeting were approved, with the correction of correcting the spelling of Erik Mayer's last name.

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

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

Shawnee Hendershot                      Family and Consumer Sciences

Eli Aba    Technology and Workforce Learning

**Dr. Baack moved to approve the Graduate Faculty recommendations as a group, Dr. Rogers seconded and the motion carried.**

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

Mary Jo Goedeke	Accounting and Computer Information Systems 17/SU ACCTG 812 Tax Research
Patrick Foyet	Engineering Technology 17/WF ETECH 809 Engineering Project
Kimberly Fielding	Psychology and Counseling 17/SU PSYCH 840 SEM: Trauma Informed Schools
Bobbie Augspurger	Teaching and Leadership 17/SU EDTH 734 Infrastructure Networking EDTH 732 Topics in Digital Pins/Processing EDTH 732 Topics in Assessing Tools and Strategies

Dr. Drew asked if the service recommendations were required to have a terminal degree, Dr. Kahol confirmed that they are required to have the terminal degree.

**Dr. Baack moved to approve the Graduate Service recommendations as a group, Dr. Rogers seconded and the motion carried.**

Curricular Matters:

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

#### Biology

Request for Revision of Course  
BIOL 835 Wildlife Ecology and Management

Dr. Nonnenmacher explained that the revision was to increase the credit hours by one credit hour which would make the format similar to what it is elsewhere. Dr. Warner asked if there was any change in the content, Dr. Nonnenmacher said that there would be more time in the lab. Dr. Kahol asked what was meant by the lab and Dr. Nonnenmacher explained that it would include field experience.

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

#### Chemistry

Request for Deletion of Course  
CHEM 895 Comprehensive Reviews in Chemistry

Dr. Shirley mentioned that this course is being deleted because they haven't had it for a long time and they are not planning to bring it back.

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

Request for Revision of Course  
CHEM 801 Chemistry Colloquium

Dr. Shirley shared that this revision is to change this course to only be required two times in the program.

Request for Revision of Course  
CHEM 863 Advanced Organic Chemistry

Dr. Shirley shared that this revision is to change the name of the course.

Request for Revision of Course  
CHEM 889 Introduction to Chemical Research

Dr. Shirley shared that this revision would limit only counting three hours for the degree

Request for Creation of Course  
CHEM 825 Graduate Review

Dr. Shirley shared that the department had been teaching this course as a Special Topics course. Dr. Siam shared that this course will provide an overview of all areas of Chemistry and would include some labs, a research component and information about library resources. Dr. Kahol asked if any undergraduate deficiencies would be taken care of by taking this course. Dr. Shirley said this course would even things out. Dr. Kahol mentioned that this course is an 800 level course but is teaching undergraduate concepts. Dr. Siam said that the course is being taught at that level.

Request for Creation of Course  
CHEM 861 Advanced Organic Synthesis

Dr. Shirley shared that this course was being created to be part of Chemistry's organic program.

Request for Creation of Course  
CHEM 867 Spectroscopy

Dr. Shirley shared that this course has been taught as a Special Topics course before.

Request for Creation of Course  
CHEM 875 Advanced Biochemistry

Dr. Shirley shared that this course was being added for graduate students because they have previously only had this course for undergraduates.

Request for Creation of Course  
CHEM 885 Quantum Chemistry

Dr. Shirley shared that this course has been taught as a Special Topic course in the past. Dr. Kuehn asked what the difference would be between this course and the Physics quantum course. Dr. Siam mentioned that the approach is from different perspectives.

**Dr. Kuehn moved to approve the revision of course requests and the creation of course requests, Dr. Warner seconded and the motion carried.**

Request for Degree Changes  
Courses to be added to candidacy

Dr. Shirley noted that the request form lists that CHEM 725 should be added to the candidacy, but that it should be CHEM 735 as it is written in the proposed text. He also shared that the changes would allow entering students from PSU or a similar school to be in any emphasis area without deficiencies.

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

Communication

Request for Revision of Course  
COMM 775 Case Studies in Public Relations

Dr. Drew shared that the revisions requested are to change the title to reflect the content of the course and to eliminate prerequisites.

Request for Revision of Course  
COMM 721 Philosophy & Ethics of Mass Comm

Dr. Drew shared that the revisions requested are to eliminate prerequisites.

Request for Creation of Certificate  
Graduate Certificate Program in Communication

Dr. Drew mentioned that the new certificate could be taken all online and that it would be possible to complete the certificate in 12 months.

**Dr. Flood moved to approve the revisions and the creation of the certificates, Dr. Kuehn seconded and the motion carried.**

English and Modern Languages

Request for Creation of Certificate  
Graduate Certificate Program in English

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

Mathematics

Request for Creation of Certificate  
Certificate in Graduate Mathematics

Dr. Flood shared that the certificate includes three core courses from the MS Mathematics program, that students will choose one of those three courses and then will choose electives.

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

College of Technology

Technology

Request for New Emphasis

MS Technology with an emphasis in Information Technology

Request for Degree Changes

Courses to be added to candidacy

Dr. Iley mentioned that the new emphasis is an interdisciplinary emphasis with accounting. He shared that many international students have a background in this area and that it should help students with OPT and CPT and it should attract new students.

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

Old Business:

Graduate Transcripts: Adding program courses and program GPA to transcript

Dr. Mayer asked if these changes would only be for students who have multiple degrees. Dr. Kahol explained that usually there is just a cumulative GPA listed and the changes would give program courses and program GPA on all graduate transcripts.

**Dr. Baack expressed support of the transcript changes, Dr. Flood seconded and the motion carried.**

New Business:

Discussion Item: M.S. Interdisciplinary

Dr. Kahol provided a brief overview of MS Interdisciplinary programs, but decided to move the discussion to the May meeting so there would be more time to discuss this item.

Dr. Flood mentioned that the Faculty Senate passed a policy for undergraduates that any course with any grade can be repeated and he asked if we have a policy. Dr. Dresner clarified that we do have a different policy for graduate students.

The meeting adjourned.

The next meeting date will be Wednesday, May 3, 2017. The meeting will be held in the Governors Room of the Overman Student Center.

