

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
March 8, 2023
Meadowlark Room

In Attendance: Alex Binder, David Boffey, Julie Dainty, Mark Diacopoulos, Tim Flood, Tatiana Goris, Jennifer Harris, Amy Hite, Michelle Hudiburg, Shelby Hutchens, Jon Jones, Anil Lal, Sang Lee, Elizabeth Mascher, Alicia Mason, Paul McCallum, Jody Neef, Hermann Nonnenmacher, Theresa Presley, Alice Sagehorn, Brian Sims, Ryan Speelman, Kyle Thompson

Absent: Jason Clemensen, Matthew Montague, Greg Murray, Judy Smetana, Howard Smith

The minutes of the February 8, 2023 meeting were approved with no corrections.

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

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

Byron McKay Technology and Workforce Learning

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

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

Renewals:

Brock Skaggs Automotive and Engineering Technology
23/SP
ETECH 899 Quantitative Decision Making

Dr. Presley asked if this should be a Graduate Faculty recommendation since Mr. Skaggs has the terminal degree. Dr. Dainty shared that Mr. Skaggs is an adjunct.

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

The following curricular matters were submitted:

College of Technology

Automotive and Engineering Technology

Request for Creation of Course
ETECH 850 Additive Manufacturing

Dr. Speelman moved for approval, Dr. Thompson seconded and the motion carried.

College of Education

Teaching and Leadership

MA Teaching- Special Education (Elementary K-6)

Request for Degree Changes

Courses to be added to candidacy: READ 871

Courses to be deleted from candidacy: TCHL 825

MA Teaching- Special Education (Secondary)

Request for Degree Changes

Courses to be added to candidacy: READ 869, READ 871

Courses to be deleted from candidacy: SPED 749, TCHL 825

Dr. Sims shared that the requested changes reflect recent changes with the reading program and that the other area is being absorbed.

Dr. Sagehorn moved to approve the Teaching and Leadership curricular items, Dr. Thompson seconded and the motion carried.

College of Arts and Sciences

School of Science and Mathematics

MS Chemistry

Request for Revision of Course

CHEM 801 Colloquium: Credit Hours, Grading System and Course Description

Dr. Neef shared that the requested change would be doing what they do for undergraduates. This change would require students to attend CHEM 801 for two semesters at zero credit with a pass/fail grade to observe and watch others present, and then to attend for two more semesters for one credit each semester to give a seminar. Dr. Neef explained that this would provide a way for the department to require students to attend the course every semester.

There was of discussion on what the justification is for requiring students to attend the course for zero credit and if it was the appropriate method to get them to attend. After much discussion some of the suggestions that the council suggesting instead of the zero-credit hour were:

- Requiring CHEM 801 all four semesters and giving the students half a credit for each semester.
- Creating and requiring a prerequisite to CHEM 801.

- Attaching the requirement to attend to observe to another course that students take prior to CHEM 801.

Dr. Sims moved to table this item, so that Dr. Neef could go back and discuss the suggestions from the council with the department to see if a different option could be used in place of the zero-credit option, Dr. Thompson seconded and the motion carried.

History, Philosophy and Social Sciences

Request for Creation of Course
HIST 705 Historiography

MA History and Graduate Certificate
Request for Degree/Certificate Changes
Courses to be added to candidacy: HIST 705
Courses to be deleted from candidacy: HIST 807
Courses to be moved from elective to required on candidacy: All options will need 3 additional hours of 800 level seminar.

Dr. Thompson shared that the MA History students would take the new HIST 705 Historiography course as a gateway to the degree, to ease them into the discipline.

Dr. Flood asked if the HIST 705 course is replacing the HIST 807 course, if HIST 807 would be deleted. Dr. Thompson shared that they may delete the course later after those students are currently on the track that requires the HIST 807 complete the program.

Dr. Sims moved to approve the HPASS curricular items, Dr. Mascher seconded and the motion carried.

There was no old business

New Business

Discussion Item: Constitution and Bylaws of the Graduate School Revisions

Dr. Diacopoulos shared that Dr. Smith was not able to attend today's meeting, but that Dr. Smith did ask him to share that yes, there is still a Graduate School. The bylaws will continue to be an ongoing discussion item.

Dr. Diacopoulos shared that with elections coming up for the next years Graduate Council that departments should be reminded that Graduate Council Representatives should be elected and not appointed by departments.

Dr. Presley mentioned that on some of the curricular forms the College Dean signs as the College Curriculum Committee Chair in addition to the College Dean. She shared that she was not sure if this was a problem. There was discussion that in some colleges the College Dean is also the College Curricular Committee Chair. It was also pointed out that the College Curriculum Committee Chairperson signature on the forms is only required "if applicable".

Dr. Hite also noted that on the Request for Creation of Course for ETECH 850 that Dr. Frisbee signed on the Teacher Education Chairperson signature line instead of the Dean of College signature line.

Provost Announcements- The Provost was not in attendance.

Committee Reports- There were no committee reports.

Dr. Lal moved to adjourn, Dr. Neef seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 12, 2023