

Graduate Council Minutes
October 23, 2009

The Graduate Council met on Friday, October 23, 2009 at 1:00 pm in the Rogers Room, University Center.

Members present: M. Abel, R. Adams, K. Brennan, F. Buskey, J. Byrd, R. Carton, C. Coburn, A. Denson, L. DeWald, T. Domagalski, C. Hart, S. Higgins, K. Jaqua, B. Jones, K. Lunnen, and J. Mallory, P. Robertson, and D. Sally

Members absent: D. Butcher, J. Menickelli,

Others present: E. Frazier, R. Stiles, K. Cooper-Duffy

Announcements The announcements were distributed as a handout for the meeting. It was noted the Graduate Faculty Forum scheduled for November 18 will be from 2:00-3:30 in the UC Theater. An e-mail announcement will be sent to graduate faculty.

Approval of the Minutes Motion and second to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2009 meeting. Motion passed.

Graduate Faculty Review The following persons were approved by the Graduate Faculty Review Committee as members of the graduate faculty and came as a seconded motion for approval:

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| Mr. Donald Kostellac | Political Science and Public Affairs | Temporary |
| Ms. Mary Walsh | Political Science and Public Affairs | Temporary |
| Dr. Randi Reppen | English | Temporary |

Motion passed.

Dana reported on the Graduate Faculty Review Committee meeting held on October 16 to discuss graduate faculty review and evaluation at Western Carolina University. Scott had asked the committee to review the Appalachian State policy for graduate faculty review and evaluation to see if a similar policy could be written and implemented at Western Carolina University. It is being discussed and suggested that evaluation of graduate faculty be integrated into the faculty review process that is already in effect for tenure and promotion. A check box could be added to the evaluation document indicating graduate faculty status should be continued. The Graduate Council also discussed temporary graduate faculty status and asked how temporary graduate faculty would be evaluated and reviewed. The question of temporary graduate faculty teaching in any graduate area was also raised.

Also discussed was the role of the Graduate Council Graduate Faculty Review Committee in the review process when addressing the question of who monitors the quality of graduate faculty. It was agreed that the Graduate Council establishes the graduate faculty criteria and standards, but the departments and colleges evaluate performance and monitor quality.

The question was raised whether graduate program directors should have graduate faculty status. More investigation is needed before this question can be addressed and answered.

Curriculum Review The following experiential curriculum items were reviewed by the Curriculum Committee and came as a seconded motion:

New Courses Approved:

IDES 520 Environments for Aging (3)
HIST 613 United States History to 1800 (3)
HIST 614 Nineteenth Century United States (3)
HIST 615 Twentieth Century United States (3)
HIST 620 Native American History (3)
HIST 621 Environmental History (3)
HIST 622 Gender History (3)
PT 811 Physical Therapy Science I (3), PT 812 Physical Therapy Science II (4), PT 813 Physical Therapy Science III (3)
PT 814 Physical Therapy Science IV(3), PT 815 Medical Management & Diagnostics (2), PT 821 Human Anatomy I (3)
PT 822 Human Anatomy II (2), PT 823 Clinical Biomechanics I (3), PT 824 Clinical Biomechanics II (3)
PT 825 Clinical Biomechanics III (2), PT 827 Pediatric Physical Therapy I (2), PT 831 Exercise Physiology (3)
PT 832 Human Pathophysiology (3), PT 835 Administration and Management of Physical Therapy Practice (3)
PT 841 Evidence Based Practice I (1), PT 842 Evidence Based Practice II (2), PT 843 Evidence Based Practice III (1)
PT 844 Evidence Based Practice IV (1), PT 861 Motor Behavior (2), PT 883 Clinical Practicum I (3)
PT 884 Clinical Practicum II (3), PT 895 Professional Practice I (2), PT 896 Professional Practice II (1)
PT 899 Doctoral Project (2 fall) (2 spring), PT 920 Capstone Course (1), PT 921 Neuroanatomy (2)
PT 922 Neuroscience (2), PT 923 Neuromuscular Physical Therapy I (4), PT 924 Neuromuscular Physical Therapy II (3)
PT 927 Pediatric Physical Therapy II (3), PT 930 Health Promotion & Wellness (2), PT 945 Physical Therapy for Older Adults (2)
PT 951 Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy I (4), PT 952 Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy II (Spine) (4)
PT 954 Clinical Reasoning (3), PT 983 Clinical Practicum III (5), PT 984 Clinical Practicum IV (3)
PT 997 Professional Practice III (2), PT 998 Professional Practice IV (1)

NOTE: NSG 604 is on hold pending the receipt of a consultation form. Approved pending an AA-6 be submitted to add IDES 520 to the Gerontology Certificate program.

Program Changes Approved:

Post Master's in Nurse Anesthesia: Change to inactive status

MAT Art: Delete ART 564 from the MAT Art curriculum

Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) degree: Request a transition from offering a Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) degree to a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree.

NOTE: An AA-6 will be submitted to add a different ART course to the MAT Art curriculum.

Course Deletion:

SPED 531 The Physically Handicapped Child (3)

New Course On Hold for Consultation:

NSG 604 Dying and Palliative Care (3)

**Academic
Policy & Review**

Kathleen presented the following policy additions and changes to the Graduate Catalog for approval:

Grade Average for Graduation- Change current policy to require a 3.0 GPA for all graduate degrees and certificates. This policy change was approved for the 2010-11 academic year effective July 1, 2010.

Dual Enrollment- Change current policy to "A student may not be enrolled in more than one graduate degree program at a time." This policy change was approved for the 2010-11 academic year effective July 1, 2010.

Program Changes- Change current policy to require students to complete and submit a new application if they want to change graduate programs. The suggestion was made to change "graduate degree program or teacher certification program" to "program of study" and to add certificates. This policy change was approved as amended for the 2010-11 academic year effective July 1, 2010.

**University Fellowship,
Scholarship &
Student Affairs**

The committee will be meeting in November to review and revise the Chancellor's Fellowship and Study Grant applications and to discuss the rubric.

Agenda Items

The role of the Graduate School as the gatekeeper for graduate admissions was introduced by Scott. At the November Graduate Council meeting Scott would like to discuss the application process, admissions criteria and standards, provisional and conditional admission and any related admission topics Graduate Council members want to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Submitted by – Elizabeth Frazier

Please note: All attachments are on file in the Graduate School with the Graduate Council meeting minutes.