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Graduate Council – Consent Calendar October 21, 2016

Graduate Faculty Membership

Full

Marsha Barsky / Theatre and Dance / MFA
Kathryn Boudreau / Educational Leadership / MLSIS
Eric Detweiler / English / PhD
Alexander Jackson / Psychology / PhD
Rebecca King / English / PhD
Ashley Morris / Biology / PhD
Anthony Newsome / Biology / PhD
Molly Taylor-Poleskey / History / PhD
Brian Robertson / Biology / PhD

Adjunct

Leigh Bagwell / Educational Leadership / EdS
Brad Baumgardner / Music / DMA
Mark Crocker / Accounting / MA
Trevor England / Accounting / MS
Pedro Garcia / Music / BM
Michael Gonzales / Educational Leadership / EdD
Jennifer Kates / English / PhD
Marcia Melton / Educational Leadership / EdD
Regina Merriman / Educational Leadership / EdD
Kathryn Moisant / Educational Leadership / MLIS
Thomas Palmer / Health and Human Performance / PhD
Gil Perel / Music / BA
Derrek Phillips / Music / BA
Joseph Phillips / Educational Leadership / EdD
Jonathan Wires / Music / MM

Graduate Curriculum Changes

Recording Industry

Course Title and Description Change

MRAT 6160 Contemporary Methods of Programming and Production, 3 credit hours, eff Spring 2017

Engineering Technology

Proposed New Course/Dual-List

EST 5980 Environmental Public Health, 3 credit hours, eff Spring 2017

Molecular Biosciences

Other – Change Number of Times Taken

MOBI 7500 Change number of times can be taken, eff Spring 2017
MOBI 7640 Change number of times can be taken, eff Spring 2017

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Chemistry

Course Title Change

CHEM 6800 Thesis Defense, one credit hour, eff Spring 2017

Mathematical Sciences

Course Title Change

MATH 6330 Algebra From An Advanced Perspective, eff Spring 2017

MATH 6340 Geometry From An Advanced Perspective, eff Spring 2017

MATH 6350 Probability and Statistics From An Advanced Perspective, eff Spring 2017

Agribusiness and Agriscience

Proposed New Course

ABAS 6030 Theoretical Foundations of Personal Agricultural Leadership, 3 credit hours, eff Spring 2017

Computer Information Systems

Inactivation of Course

QM 6960 Statistical Methodology and Analysis, eff Spring 2017

Management

Proposed New Course

MGMT 6250 Health Care Resource Management, 3 credit hours, eff Fall 2017

Course Title and Description Change

MGMT 6700 Supply Chain Key Performance Indicators, 3 credit hours, eff Fall 2017

MGMT 6760 Continuous Improvement/Problem Solving, 3 credit hours, eff Fall 2017

Change in Admission to Program (Major)

Change admission requirements for M.S. in Management, eff Fall 2017

Criminal Justice Administration

Adopting the current Graduate Studies Criteria for recommending graduate faculty membership, Fall 2017

Information Only

Administrative Item --- Nursing

All MSN Program and MSN Certificates remove extended July 10 application deadline, eff Fall 2016

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 21, 2016

The Graduate Council met at 2:00 p.m. in Ingram 101. Chair Amy Harris presided.

I. Call to Order

Members present:

Vishwas Bedekar, Kimberli Conro, Ginny Dansby, Norma Dunlap, Michelle Fields, Michael Fleming (for William Crabtree), Amy Harris, Steve Livingston, Richard Meeks, Pamela Morris, Lynn Nelson, Michael Roach, Brian Robertson, Donald Snead, Monica Wallace, Jeremy Winters

Ex-Officio present:

Jackie Eller, Interim Dean, College of Graduate Studies and Vice Provost for Research

Scott Handy, Interim Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

II. Announcements

a. Amy Harris, Chair

Dr. Harris opened the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

b. Dr. Jackie Eller, Interim Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Eller updated Graduate Council on the search for a full-time recruiter in Graduate Studies. The on-site interviews were all completed this week. Of the five finalists (a sixth one withdrew), the committee has prepared its ranking and the recommendation is being forwarded to Human Resources for making a hire with a probable start date of December 1, so that the recruiter can effectively begin full duties the start of Spring 2017. This recruiter will also have the support of a full-time GA position to assist in various tasks.

c. Dr. Scott Handy, Interim Associate Dean College of Graduate Studies

No news (much to everyone's surprise).

III. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes for the October 21st meeting of the Graduate Council were distributed for review. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. This motion passed unanimously.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review

Dr. Brian Robertson, Chair

- The October Consent Calendar is attached.
- The Consent Calendar comes in the form of a motion. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

b. Student Affairs and Travel

Dr. Pamela Morris, Chair

c. Policies and Procedure

Dr. Jeremy Winters, Chair

d. Graduate Program Review

Dr. Steve Livingston, Chair

Two programs have submitted CVs for potential reviewers

- Chemistry
 1. Dr. Bango Yan (Western Kentucky University)
 2. Dr. Christopher R. Dockery (Kennesaw St.)
 3. Dr. Adam K. Wanekaya (Missouri State, Springfield)

- Engineering Technology
 1. Dr. Walter W. Buchanan (Texas &M)
 2. Dr. Niaz Latif (Purdue at Calumet)
 3. Dr. A. Mark Doggett (Western Kentucky)
- A motion was made to approve and forward these rankings. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- The remaining two programs (Biology and Computer Science) will be considered next month.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

a. Dr. Scott Handy, Interim Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

English Language Proficiency expansion. In an effort to update and make the graduate level options more consistent with the undergraduate options for international students to demonstrate English language proficiency before TBR effectively ceases business and we have to wait for at least an additional year, the proposal to modify the English language proficiency standards at the Graduate level was brought directly to Graduate Council (see attached). There was discussion that these standards are already not adequate for some programs, and it was pointed out that, while we have been stopped by the President from raising standards across the board, there is still the option for individual programs to raise their standards and that this change certainly has the support of the College of Graduate Studies. It was also mentioned that exceptions to the English language standards are not being considered at present in an effort to at least enforce our current (low) standards. This remains a topic of importance to Graduate Studies and across campus. It was also discussed that enforcement of the higher GTA standards should be considered – particularly if there is a way to monitor this readily at the College of Graduate Studies level. This idea will be investigated, but it may have to be a program level point of emphasis.

b. Dr. Eller, Interim Dean, College of Graduate Studies

In addition to the GA proposal that was mentioned last month and has been submitted to the Provost, a more targeted proposal from Aviation has also been submitted. This proposal calls for making available 5 graduate scholarships to Flight Instructors in the Pro-pilot undergraduate program that will cover the tuition costs for 6 hours per semester for one year to get the students started in the MS program, while still allowing them to serve as flight instructors and obtain the flight hours necessary for certification.

With this start, and the fact that the Aviation courses are available on-line, it is anticipated that the students will continue on to complete their MS degree as revenue producing students. Even assuming some attrition, it is anticipated that the program would be revenue producing in year 3 and will certainly serve to keep us competitive with Embry-Riddle, Delta State, and Purdue University (all of which have similar programs for their Pro-pilot flight instructors).

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

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Proposed Graduate Catalog Statement

Proof of English Proficiency

International students who will be attending the University on a visa and who are not native speakers of English or graduates of a United States undergraduate or graduate institution must submit a demonstration of English language proficiency. This can be accomplished in a number of different fashions:

1. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score (minimum score of 525 paper-based or 71 Internet-based),
2. International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score (minimum score of 6.5),
3. Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) test score (minimum score of 74),
4. PTE Academic (minimum score of 55),
5. International Test of English Proficiency (iTEP) score (minimum score of 4.5),
6. E.L.S. instruction (completion of level 112), or
7. International English Institute (IEI) instruction (completion of level 6 in all course areas offered).

Note that certain programs may require higher standards, so please consult the program coordinator for more information.

For information on TOEFL testing, visit www.ets.org/toefl

For information on IELTS testing, visit www.ielts.org/contact_us.aspx

For information on MELAB testing, visit www.CambridgeMichigan.org

For information on PTE Academic, visit www.pearsonpte.com

For information iTEP testing , visit www.iTEPexam.com

For information on E.L.S., visit www.els/edu/en

For information on IEI, visit www.iei.edu