

Graduate Council Minutes

March 23, 2010

Dr. Whatley called the meeting to order at 11:03 am. In attendance were Dr. Biggart, Dr. Clement, Dr. Jory, Dr. Tapia, Dr. Bressette, Dr. Grout, Ms. Harrington, Ms. Mercer, Dean B. Kennedy, Dr. Kurz, Ms. Willingham, Ms. Voccio and Ms. Tennant.

The minutes from the February 16 meeting were approved with one correction.

Old Business

Academic Calendar for 2011-2012

Dr. Whatley presented a draft of the calendar. The major changes related to Spring semester. One is to split the spring final exam schedule and have the symposium on student scholarship on one day without classes. For Martin Luther King Day graduate school would still hold classes after 5:00 pm.

It was asked if graduate school could have a different calendar than the undergraduates. No vote was taken. Academic Council is still reviewing the calendar.

New Business:

Campbell School of Business

Dr. Saba Colakuglu was approved to teach graduate-level classes. She will be teaching BUS 520.

The following was presented for first reading:

Action	Course Prefix	Title	Description	Effective Date
Change	BUS520	Statistics Methods of Business	1.5 – 0 – 1.5 Reactive course/new title/changed credits Will replace MGT520. New title: Essentials of Business Statistics Use of statistical methods and mathematical concepts for analysis of business decision. Topics include basic probabilities, estimation, hypothesis testing, regression, and other quantitative tools needed for analysis in subsequent course work and in practical application. Does not count toward the degree. This course will replace MGT520 as a prerequisite for MGT664, MGT665 and MGT667.	Spring 2011

The following catalog change was presented for first reading:

Proficiency requirements may be satisfied in three ways: undergraduate-level courses, graduate-level courses, or approve online self-paced modules.

Meeting these requirements at the undergraduate level requires successful completion of 24-30 credit hours of proficiency course work in business covering or equivalent to the following content areas: financial accounting, statistical methods; general management; macro economics and micro economics; finance and marketing

At the graduate-level, students are required to complete 10.5 credit hours in the following courses or their equivalents:

ACC520	Essentials of Accounting
ECO510	Essentials of Economics
FIN510	Essentials of Finance
BUS510	Essentials of Business Statistics (proposed)
MGT520	Essentials of Management
MKT510	Essential of Marketing

Students may also satisfy this requirement through successful completion of approved online self-paced modules. Students may move at their own paces and complete the module as quickly as they choose. After completion of the module, student will be required to pass an exam on the module content. Students interested in this option should contact the MBA Office for additional information and assistance.

Students must achieve an overall grade-point average of 3.0 in all proficiency course work. This requirement may not be met by taking M.B.A. required courses, but some proficiency course work may be taken simultaneously with M.B.A. required courses. Additional proficiency requirement for the M.B.A. program include work experience and computer literacy as demonstrated by course work or experience.

Announcements:

Letter sent by Provost to graduating students – Dr. Kurz asked if a different letter could be sent to graduate students. She indicated the graduate students are confused since seniors are addressed in the letter. Dr. Whatley will review the letter with Ms. Elmore.

The question was raised, do graduate students have to attend Baccalaureate? Could the graduation letter be written different for graduate students?

Graduate Assistants – concern

It was asked what happens to a student who is assigned to a faculty member but there isn't enough work for 20 hours during the summer. The student receives 6 hours of academic credit for fall, spring and summer. Will the student receive tuition remission for summer? Dr. Whatley asked if there's a possibility that another faculty member may have additional work for the graduate assistant. Dean's Council meets on March 30 and will review this issue. We need students to do jobs that need to be done, not create jobs for the students. Berry will not pay if the student does less work. The student would only be paid for work done.

Next meeting April 27, 2010

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Chair: Katherine Whatley

Secretary: Linda Tennant