

Graduate Council
Minutes of September 17, 2019

Dean Heames called the meeting to order. In attendance were: Carolyn Stuftt, Paula Englis, Matthew Levin, Basil Englis, Bryce Durbin, Jacqueline McDowell, Monica Willingham, Sherre Harrington, Nick McGee

Note: the minutes of February 19 had been previously approved by email.

Old Business

None.

New Business

The following proposals were presented for first reading:

- Proposal: delete the following from the MBA Proficiency Requirements: ECO 510, MGT 530, FIN 510, MKT 510. See Catalog language as attached to CA forms.
- Proposal: CHANGE FIN 601 Corporate Finance, 3-0-3. Remove prerequisite.
- Proposal: CHANGE MGT 655 Leadership and Change Management, 3-0-3. Remove prerequisite.
- Proposal: CHANGE MKT 621 Strategic Marketing, 3-0-3. Remove prerequisite.

Discussion: Dr. Paula Englis discussed the rationale behind the decision to remove the proficiency requirements for entrance into the MBA program. The courses themselves are going to remain on the books. Dr. Basil Englis commented that one of the findings of the research they had conducted is that instructors are filling in the gaps that might exist in the backgrounds of students. Mr. McGee commented that in his experience professors have done a good job of getting students adequately prepared for the program.

Dr. Durbin asked whether the changes should count for students who might enter under a current catalogs. Dr. Basil Englis commented that it would benefit any who might enter in the spring of 2020. They will consult the curriculum committee to see if there are any concerns and will note in the next meeting.

Informational

- Dean McDowell shared a summary of the numbers enrolled in the graduate EDU programs.
- Dean Heames described a new agreement with Georgia Highlands to admit students from their healthcare management program.
- Dean McDowell commented on the Autism Endorsement course for summer students. Berry is currently the only institution in the state that offers the graduate-level add-on. Other schools are offering undergraduate add-ons.

Next meeting October 29, 2019.

Chair: Mary Boyd

Secretary: Bryce Durbin