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THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Members Present

David Anderson, Vincent Anfara, Ben Bates, Carolyn Bowers for George Hoemann, Marianne Breinig, Ralph Brockett, Tom Burman, Amy Elias, James Foggin, Paul Frymier, James Gehlhar, Tom George, David Golden, Andrew Haddow, Michael Keene, Barbara Klinkhammer, Karen Levy, Mary McAlpin, Sandra McGuire, Sally McMillan, Bharat Mehra, Stefanie Ohnesorg, John Orme, Mary E. Papke, Masood Parang, Linda Phillips, Susan Smith, Barbara Thayer-Bacon, John Wodarski, Michael Zemel.

The Graduate Council meeting was called to order by Stefanie Ohnesorg, Chair, on Thursday, November 17, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. in the 6th Floor Conference Room of Hodges Library.

1. Minutes of the Preceding Meeting

The minutes of the October 6, 2005 meeting were approved.

2. Committee ReportsAcademic Policy Committee

Michael Keene presented the report for Matthew Murray, Academic Policy Committee Chair, from the November 3, 2005 meeting. The committee presented the College of Law's proposal to change the grading system. The change would occur on page 174 of the 2005-2006 Graduate Catalog, the first Column, under Doctor of Jurisprudence. Council approved this change, and the last two sentences of the first paragraph will change as follows:

From: "Grades are on an alphabetical scale from A+ to F. No credit toward the JD degree is awarded for grades of D- or F."

To: "Grades are awarded on a numerical scale (in increments of 0.1) from 0.0 to 4.3. No credit toward the JD degree is awarded for grades of 0.0 to 0.7."

Effective: Fall 2006

The committee discussed establishing a score minimum requirement for graduate admission on the new TOEFL-ibT version. A recommendation on the score minimum will be presented to Council at the January 2006 meeting.

The Academic Policy Committee reported to Council that it did not approve the proposal presented by the Physician Executive MBA Program (PEMBA) on admissions requirements and processing changes.

Council voted to accept this report.

Credentials Committee

Mary McAlpin presented the report for Michael Zemel, Credentials Committee Chair, from the October 27, 2005 meeting. Council approved the requests for faculty to be approved to direct doctoral dissertations as listed (Attachment 1).

Curriculum Committee

David Golden, Curriculum Committee Chair, presented the report from the November 3, 2005 meeting. Council approved the recommendations as presented by the committee (Attachment 2).

3. New Business

No new business.

4. Administrative Reports and Announcements

Graduate Dean's Report – Mary E. Papke reported for Anne Mayhew. Papke reported that the Best Practices in Teaching (BPIT) series continues to be a success. On November 30, 2005, a reception will be held for the students, the college deans, and the BPIT presenters.

Graduate Student Senate (GSS) – Andrew Haddow. Haddow, Graduate Student Senate President, updated Council on previously reported items such as the new policy for Graduate Student Senate representative meeting attendance; health insurance; the role of the Vice President for GSS in the Executive Committee for the Student Government Association; the advantages of the soon-to-come web-based travel fund application process. New items brought for information to Council were graduate student socials, which GSS helps in promoting; a proposal for a UT pharmacy being established on campus based at the Student Health Clinic; GSS concern over closing of Kingston Apartments and the effects on graduate students; consideration by the administration of offering more courses that will help international students with development of their English skills, especially pronunciation.

Graduate Council Chair – Stefanie Ohnesorg. Ohnesorg asked for volunteers for the formation of a nominating committee to oversee the process of Council selection of a new Chair for Graduate Council. In addition, Ohnesorg reminded Council that the Curriculum Committee will meet on January 19, 2005, in the 8th Floor Board Room of Andy Holt Tower from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Barnhart
Secretary to Graduate Council

**ATTACHMENT 1
FACULTY APPROVED TO DIRECT DISSERTATIONS**

INITIAL Approval of Tenure-Track Faculty without Tenure (Probationary)

Djouadi, Mohamed S. Assistant Professor	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Until Tenure
Donnell, Robert Assistant Professor	Comparative & Experimental Medicine	Until Tenure
Douglas, Heather Assistant Professor	Philosophy	Until Tenure
Elhanany, Itamar Assistant Professor	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Until Tenure
Farquhar, Ethan Assistant Professor	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Until Tenure
Fathy, Aly Associate Professor	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Until Tenure
Ferdjallah, Mohammed Assistant Professor	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Until Tenure
Gunther, Mary Assistant Professor	Nursing	Until Tenure
Kong, Seong-Gon Associate Professor	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Until Tenure
Li, Fangxing Assistant Professor	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Until Tenure
Li, Xueping Assistant Professor	Industrial & Information Engineering	Until Tenure
Speraw, Susan Associate Professor	Nursing	Until Tenure

INITIAL/CONTINUING Approval of Non Tenure Faculty/Staff

Koch, Daniel Adjunct Assoc. Prof.	Electrical & Computer Engineering	5 years
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CONTINUING Approval of Faculty with Tenure

Ladd, Robert T. Professor	Management	10 years
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**ATTACHMENT 2
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK**

All changes effective Fall 2006

I. COURSE CHANGES

(905) Social Work

REVISE CREDIT HOURS, COURSE DESCRIPTION, REPEATABILITY

582 Field Practice (2-6) Advanced field practice in clinical social work or management and community practice. Full-time students must enroll for six credit hours.

Grading Restriction: Satisfactory/No Credit grading only.

Repeatability: May be repeated. Maximum 6 hours.

REVISE CREDIT HOURS, COURSE DESCRIPTION, REPEATABILITY

583 Field Practice (2-6) Advanced field practice in clinical social work or management and community practice. Full-time students must enroll for six credit hours.

Repeatability: May be repeated. Maximum 6 hours.

REVISE CREDIT HOURS AND COURSE DESCRIPTION

584 Field Practice (3). Field practice for summer session advanced standing students only.

II. PROGRAM CHANGES

REVISE MSSW ADMISSION STATEMENT

In the 2005-2006 Graduate Catalog on page 184, second column, at the end of the section on Admission, add the following.

Applicants who have a prior conviction, other than a minor traffic violation, may not necessarily be denied admission to the MSSW program. However, such convictions may prevent placement in certain field practice agencies and/or licensure in certain states.

REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY PRACTICE

On page 186 of the 2005-2006 Graduate Catalog, drop 555 from the list of course requirements.

Graduate Courses Not Taught in Four or More Years TO BE DROPPED FALL 2006

Note: If courses are cross-listed and the primary course is dropped, the secondary course(s) will also be dropped.

COLLEGE	ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE	COURSE
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES		
	(390) Food Science and Technology	560 (Advanced Meat Science)
		640 (Advanced Food Processing)
	(396) Forestry	540 (Genetics in Forestry)
	(993) Wildlife and Fisheries Science	540 (Predator Ecology)
ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN		
	(133) Architecture	504 (Issues in Preservation)
		532 (Computer Applications for Architecture)
ARTS AND SCIENCES		
	(138) Art Painting	515 (Graduate Watercolor I)
	(160) Audiology and Speech Pathology	607 (Advanced Anatomy and Physiology of the Ear)
	(278) EEB	524 (Physiological Ecology of Animals)
		542 (Insect Structure and Function)
		544 (Fresh Water Invertebrate Zoology)
		635 (Environmental Assessment and Sustainable Development in Third World Countries)
	(424) Geology	540 (Seminar in Local Geology)
	(976) Theatre	562 (Special Problems in Lighting Design)
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION		
	(216) Business Law	511 (Business Law and Professional Responsibility)
	(625) Management	531 (Management of Technology-Based Organizations)
EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SCIENCES		
	(726) Nutrition	520 (Nutritional Ecology)
		603 (Current Trends in Food and Sociocultural Change)

COLLEGE	ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE	COURSE
ENGINEERING		
	(226) Chemical Engineering	641 (Advanced Diffusional Operations)
		651 (Advanced Reactor Analysis)
		675 (Microbial Systems Analysis)
	(254) Civil Engineering	563 (Statically Indeterminate Structures)
	(344) Environmental Engineering	620 (Advanced Surface Water Hydraulics)
LAW		
	(613) Law	898 (Arbitration Seminar)
		899 (Labor Relations Seminar)
		950 (Computers and Law)
SOCIAL WORK		
	(905) Social Work	608 (Evaluative Research for Social Work Practice, Programs, and Policy)
INTERCOLLEGIATE		
	(262) Comparative and Experimental Medicine – Graduate School of Medicine	545 (Clinical Genetics)