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## UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Members Present

Dania Bilal, Stephen Blackwell, Sherry Cable, Jon Coddington, Sid Collins, Ray DeGennaro, William Dunne, Charles Feigerle, Greer Fox, Paul Frymier, Nan Gaylord, Thomas George, Jason Jeffreys, George Hoemann for Robert Leiter, Jan Lee, Karla Matteson, Mary McAlpin, Sally McMillan, Trevor Moulden, Matthew Murray, Stefanie Ohnesorg, Mary Papke, Cheryn Picquet, Linda Phillips for Barbara Dewey, Lloyd Rinehart, Patrick Schuneman, James Caponetti for Otto Schwarz, Susan Smith, John Sobieski, Thomas Turner, Luther Wilhelm, Handel Wright, Michael Zemel, Songning Zhang.

1. Minutes of the Preceding Meeting

The minutes of the April 24, 2003 meeting were approved. Majid Keyhani moved that the Graduate Council meet regularly in Hodges Library rather than in Andy Holt Tower. No second was called for prior to the vote. The majority approved. [Note: Meetings for 2003-04 are already scheduled for Andy Holt Tower. This motion will be acted on in 2004-05.]

2. Committee ReportsAcademic Policy Committee

Stefanie Ohnesorg (Chair) reported on two details from the September 25, 2003, meeting.

- Committee ByLaws and Operating Procedures – The committee's bylaws were reviewed and a change to the Agenda description was made. The revised Agenda description will note that faculty and students are encouraged to present items for the agenda through direct contact with Graduate Council representatives or through contacts with the Office of Graduate Studies.
- Course 600 Doctoral Research and Dissertation – The committee has begun discussion of the policy for continuous registration of course 600. Further issues related to this topic are (1) changes that may need to be made to the existing policy and (2) program specific prerequisites that may be established as criteria for students taking course 600.

Credentials Committee

Ray DeGennaro presented the report from the September 18, 2003 committee meeting. The following applications for initial approval to direct dissertations were reviewed and brought to Graduate Council for recommendations. All applications were voted on and approved by Council.

APPLICATIONS FOR INITIAL APPROVAL

<u>Faculty Member</u>	<u>Academic Department</u>	<u>Approval Period</u>
Michael Bentley	Theory & Practice in Teacher Education	Until Tenure Decision
Donald Bruce	Economics	Until Tenure Decision
Hoan Bui	Sociology	Until Tenure Decision
Mary Louise Erickson	Audiology & Speech Pathology	Until Tenure Decision
Peter J. Flipsen	Audiology & Speech Pathology	Until Tenure Decision
Lowell Gaertner	Psychology	Until Tenure Decision
Ashley W. Harkrider	Audiology & Speech Pathology	Until Tenure Decision
Derek Hopko	Psychology	Until Tenure Decision
RaMonda Horton-Ikard	Audiology & Speech Pathology	Until Tenure Decision
Veerle Keppens	Materials Science & Engineering	Until Tenure Decision
Maria Munoz	Audiology & Speech Pathology	Until Tenure Decision
Patrick Plyler	Audiology & Speech Pathology	Until Tenure Decision
Lois Presser	Sociology	Until Tenure Decision
Jonathan Shefner	Sociology	Until Tenure Decision
Deborah VonHapsburg	Audiology & Speech Pathology	Until Tenure Decision
Svetlana Zivanovic	Food Science & Technology	Until Tenure Decision

APPLICATIONS FOR CONTINUED APPROVAL – FACULTY WITH TENURE

<u>Faculty Member</u>	<u>Academic Department</u>	<u>Approval Period</u>
Jens Gregor	Computer Science	10 Years
Thomas Hefferman	English	10 Years
Matthew Murray	Economics	10 Years

APPLICATIONS FOR NON-TENURE TRACK FACULTY

<u>Faculty Member</u>	<u>Academic Department</u>	<u>Approval Period</u>
Michael Simpson	Materials Science & Engineering	5 Years
Frank Van Manen	Forestry	5 Years
Yun You	Life Sciences (Genome Science & Technology)	5 Years

Curriculum Committee

Paul Frymier (Chair) reviewed the following items from the September 25, 2003 meeting.

- The Department of Industrial Engineering has changed its departmental name to Department of Industrial and Information Engineering.
- Curricular proposals recommended for approval by the Graduate Council. Graduate Council approved the curricular proposals (Attachment 1).

Deans' Group

Bill Dunne reported the following items from the September 25, 2003 meeting.

- Fee waivers represent a real allocation of funds for the university. Denise Barlow, Executive Director of Budget and Finance, is working to prepare a report on the number of fee waivers that are given out by each academic unit. This report will then be reviewed by Anne Mayhew.
- The policy for graduate student employment limits appointments to no more than 50% (20 hours per week).

Graduate Student Senate (GSS)

Patrick Schuneman (President) reviewed the following activities of the GSS:

- Travel Awards – The GSS received proposals totaling \$32,000 in requests for Fall 2003 travel awards. Only \$8,200 of these requests were funded.
- Fun Run – This event will be held on February 14, 2004. The funds received from this event will be given to the UT Libraries for items related to graduate student needs.
- Graduate Student Health Insurance – Sid Collins is working on a fact sheet for student health insurance policies to assist faculty, staff, and students with procedures. It will be available at a later date.

- General Education Policy – On the undergraduate level there is a proposal being discussed that calls for a redistribution of general education courses. The concern brought forward is that these changes will affect GTA positions. It was noted that graduate students and faculty need to be made aware of these proposed changes so that the changes can be further discussed and understood.

Coddington proposed and McMillan seconded that the Graduate Council resolve that no change in departmental distribution of GTAs be made as a result of the changes in general education requirements. A discussion was held concerning this motion. No vote was called for. Coddington and Schuneman agreed that Schuneman will bring further details regarding the undergraduate policies to the next Council meeting.

#### Professional Development Committee

- The call for proposals for professional development awards has been distributed and the information on the process is available on the Graduate Studies web page. A discussion was held on the process in which award information is sent to faculty.

#### 3. Other Business

- There was no other business.

#### 4. Announcements

- Graduate Hooding Ceremony - Joan Dolence, Thesis/Dissertation Consultant, reviewed new graduation details for Fall 2003. The Graduate Hooding Ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. and will include both Master's and doctoral graduates. The ceremony will be held in the Thompson-Boling Arena. Faculty participation is greatly encouraged.
- Ceremonies for the university commencement will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. Master's and doctoral candidates may also attend the December 14<sup>th</sup> commencement.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Phelps  
Secretary to the Council

## Attachment 1

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH, &amp; HUMAN SCIENCES

## INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATIONAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

## Cultural Studies in Education

ADD:

**550 Multicultural Education (3)** Introduction to history, varieties, theory and practice of multiculturalism and multicultural education. Addresses the promotion and critique of multicultural education and related concepts in theory and educational practice.

**Effective: Spring 2004**

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

**Rationale:** The course has been offered several times as a special topics course. The Cultural Studies of Foundation of Education program has designated it as a required course in the program's core.

**Course format and location:** Standard 3 credit hour graduate seminar to be taught during the regular university calendar on-campus.

**Impact on other academic units:** None. The topic is relevant to and attracts students from other programs, but it does not conflict or overlap with other courses.

**Financial Impact:** None. Course is currently being offered as a special topics as part of load.

## COLLEGE OF LAW

## Law

ADD:

**844 Business Reorganizations and Workouts (3)** An examination of reorganization under chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code from petition date to confirmation of a plan of reorganization as well as coverage of the use of extensions, compositions, workouts and other non-bankruptcy methods of adjusting the rights or parties to business transactions. Although not required as prerequisites, an understanding of the subject matter of Commercial Law and especially Debtor/Creditor law is strongly recommended. The course satisfies the expository writing requirement.

**Effective: Spring 2004**

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

- a. **Rationale:** Professor George Kuney offered this course as an Issues in the Law course and both the students and Professor Kuney found it to be a valuable addition to the curriculum, especially in the current economic environment. It enhances the business related offerings of the College of Law.
- b. **Course format and location:** Course meets for three hours per week in a standard classroom environment.
- c. **Impact on other academic units:** None expected; only law students traditionally have taken this sort of course.
- d. **Financial impact:** None.

**COLLEGE OF NURSING****ADD FOR GRADUATE CREDIT:**

**402 Gerontology Practicum (3)** Off-campus supervised experience in gerontology. Offered as part of the gerontology minor. Open to students in all colleges. Prereq: Consent of instructor.

**Effective: Fall 2004**

**Supporting Information:**

- a. Rationale: Course is already approved for UG credit. Faculty teaching in the interdisciplinary gerontology minor available to both UG and graduate students would like to have this course approved for graduate credit also.
- b. Course format and location: Supervised practicum in a variety of community agencies providing services/care to older adults.
- c. Impact on other Academic Units: None
- d. Financial Impact: None