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MINUTES: Graduate Council - September 24, 2001, 1:15 p.m., East Tennessee Room - DP Culp

ATTENDEES: Antkiewicz, Brown, Caton, Champney, Ellis, Green, Herrin, Honaker, Hoover, Lane, Lindahl, Osborn, Pike, Pfeiffer, Scheuerman, Smith, and Taylor

ABSENT: Kasmai, Norris-Thompson, Woodruff

GUEST: Schmidt, Mooney, Funk, Whitehead, Schoborg

I. A. Minutes 5/21/01

Action taken by Council: Approved

B. Minutes 2/19/01 - Addition of Information Technology to Format C of the curriculum proposal from the Department of Computer and Information Sciences in order to document official records. The proposed program has two concentrations: Applied Computer Science (consolidation of existing three majors) and Information Technology (new concentration). This information was omitted from the 2/19/01 Graduate Council Minutes.

Action taken by Council: Approved

II. Curriculum Sub-Committee - Dr. Lee Pike, spokesperson

- A. College of Arts & Sciences/Department of History - Format C Non-Thesis Option in existing MA in History - Curriculum revision to include a Non-Thesis Option in existing MA Degree Program in History.
1. The non-thesis option will allow the Department of History to be competitive with other universities in the region which offer opportunities for advanced study to secondary school teachers and other professionals who are not planning to pursue work towards the Ph.D.
 2. The non-thesis option will allow students who wish to do so to concentrate on expanding their knowledge in subject areas. The non-thesis option will still require students to demonstrate proficiency in modern research techniques, but the additional coursework will allow them the opportunity to achieve greater breadth of knowledge.
 3. In the past several years the History Department's experience has been that many capable students have not been able to complete their degrees. With the non-thesis option there will be added flexibility, especially to those students with heavy work or family obligations.

Action taken by Council: Approved with minor changes.

B. College of Arts and Sciences/Department of Communication.

1. New Course - MCOM 5030 - Media & the First Amendment - 3 credit hours - Seminar concerned with the problems of communication freedom that arise out of special

situational factors or because of problems unique to the medium of communication.

Action taken by Council: Approved with minor changes.

2. New Course - THEA 4867/5867 - Summer Theatre Performance - 3 credit hours - Prerequisite: Permission of instructor through audition. Participation in rehearsals and performance of an ETSU Summer Theatre production under faculty or guest artist direction.

**Action taken by Council: Approved with minor changes.
Undergraduate course forwarded to Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for action.**

- C. College of Arts and Sciences/Criminal Justice and Criminology
1. Format C - Non-Thesis Option in Existing MA in Criminal Justice and Criminology. Curriculum revision to include a Non-Thesis Option in Existing MA Degree Program in Criminal Justice.

A. A Non-Thesis Option will allow students another option to complete their degree. Although a thesis is an excellent tool to promote expertise in one area, a non-thesis option would allow students to take additional courses in one or more areas. These additional courses would allow students to specialize or to achieve greater breadth of knowledge.

B. A Non-Thesis Option allows the department to be competitive with other graduate programs offering such an option.

Action taken by Council: Approved

2. Course Deletion - CJCR 5980 - Research Practicum (1 credit hour). Deletion of CJCR 5980 is recommended for three reasons. First, a new non-thesis option will result in fewer students writing a thesis. Second, existing course CJCR 5850 (Research Design in Criminology) sufficiently prepares students for writing a thesis. Third, a 1-hour course causes scheduling problems.

Action taken by Council: Approved.

- D. James H. Quillen College of Medicine - Department of Microbiology - New Course - MICR 5362/6362 - Molecular Virology. This new course is a lecture and discussion class, which covers current topics in molecular virology and viral genetics. Many biomedical and biologic sciences graduate students (either while they are at this institution or after they leave ETSU) will study viral experimental systems or use viruses as molecular tools in plant, animal or bacterial systems. It is, therefore, essential that they have a good understanding of the molecular mechanisms that underlie virus infection, replication and disease production. This course will combine instruction in viruses are studied at a molecular level with discussions of their use as molecular tools and are intended for advanced students with at least two years of graduate work.

Action taken by Council: Approved

III. Graduate Faculty Sub-Committee - Ron Lindahl, spokesperson

A. New Appointments:

1. Troy Burrow, Environmental Health, recommended for Interim appointment.
2. Ting-Heng Chu, Economics, Finance & Urban Studies, recommended for Associate appointment.
3. Steven Dennis, Economics, Finance & Urban Studies, recommended for Associate appointment.
4. Steven Gross, English, recommended for Associate appointment.
5. Tammy Hayes, Communication, recommended for Interim appointment.
6. Richard Kortum, Philosophy & Humanities, recommended for Associate appointment.
7. Leslie MacAvoy, Philosophy & Humanities, recommended for Associate appointment.
8. Sekhar Pindiprolu, HDAL, recommended for Associate appointment.

9. Kenneth Ralston, HDAL, recommended for Temporary appointment Fall 2001/Spring 2002 semester.
10. Chakraborty Ranjahn, Health Sciences, recommended for Associate appointment.
11. J. Michael Stoots, Public Health, recommended for Associate appointment.
12. David Tarnoff, CSCI, recommended for Interim appointment.

Action taken by Council: Approved

B. Applications for Reappointment:

1. Nancy Alley, Family & Community Nursing, Full expired 013, recommend for Full appointment.
2. Fred Alsop, III, Biological Sciences, Full expired 011, recommended for Full appointment.
3. Michael Braswell, Criminal Justice & Criminology, Full expired 013, recommended for Full appointment.
4. Martha Collins, CUAJ, Full expired 011, recommended for Full appointment.
5. Sidney Crumwell, Jr., CUAJ, Associate expired 013, recommended for Associate appointment.
6. Michaela Driver, Management & Marketing, Associate expired 013, recommended for Associate appointment.
7. Emmett Essin, History, Full expired 012, recommended for Full appointment.
8. Susan Grover, Family & Community Nursing, Full expired 003, recommended for Full appointment.
9. Karen Harrington, Foreign Languages, Associate expired 012, recommended for Associate.
10. Paul Hinman, Music, Interim expired 003, recommended for Interim appointment.
11. Mark Holland, English, Associate expired 011, recommended for Associate appointment.
12. Bill Kirkwood, Communication, Full expired 012, recommended for Full appointment.
13. Elizabeth Lowe, Applied Human Sciences, Interim expired 012, recommended for Interim appointment.
14. W. F. Mackara, Economics, Finance & Urban Studies, Full expired 011, recommended for Associate appointment.
15. James Mills, Art & Design, Associate expired 011, recommended for Associate appointment.
16. Judy McCook, Family & Community Nursing, Interim expired 013, recommended for Interim appointment.
17. Owen Murnane, Communicative Disorders, Associate expired 012, recommended for Full appointment.
18. Peter Pawlowicz, Art & Design, Full expired 011, recommended for Associate appointment.
19. Robert Riser, CSCI, Full expired 012, recommended for Full appointment.
20. Pearl Ume-Nwagbo, Family & Community Nursing, Interim expired 013, recommended for Interim appointment.

Action taken by Council: Approved

C. Deferred Applications:

1. Michael Everett, Economics, Finance & Urban Studies, needs information on dates of courses taught and identification of which courses were at the graduate level.
2. James Mooney, Communication, needs information on which graduate courses were taught and the dates they were taught.

D. Applications for Temporary Graduate Faculty Appointment returned to Dr. Wes Brown, Dean for action:

1. Joseph Corso, Political Science
2. J. Keith Green, Philosophy
3. Zhufang Liu, Chemistry
4. Stephen Scott, Computer & Information Sciences

IV. New Business

- A. Credentials - Dr. Wesley Brown
Dr. Brown explained that due to SACS recommendations there has been a lot of careful attention to recommendations for graduate faculty appointments.
- B. Mission Statement - Dr. Roberta Herrin
Dr. Herrin explained that none of the Graduate School material related to the ETSU Graduate School makes any reference to diversity in programs, students, or faculty. In order to correct this omission, it is recommended that the Graduate Council approve the following revisions/additions (identified in bold) to the current mission statement:

The mission of the School of Graduate Studies **is** to foster post-baccalaureate programs of scholarship **that** are recognized for their excellence and contributions to society. The School of Graduate Studies will provide an environment that stimulates:

Advanced understanding of the concepts, issues and practice of a discipline;
Independent thought and the ability to generate new knowledge;
The ability to contribute significantly to the academic community, professions, and society; **and**
Diversity among ideas, programs, and people.

Action taken by Council: Approved

- C. Editorials - Steve Honaker
Mr. Honaker submitted editorial Course Description Changes for 2002-2003 Graduate Catalog to Council members as an information item.
- D. Election of new Graduate Council Chairperson
Dr. Champney was again unanimously elected for the Graduate Council Chairperson position for FY 2001/2002.
- E. Graduate Council Annual Report FY 2000/2001 distributed as an information item to Council members for their review.
- F. Graduate Council Sub-Committee Assignments - Dr. Brown encouraged all members to participate in sub-committee Activities. He asked interested members to submit their names to the appropriate sub-committee chair.
- G. Fall 2001 Graduate Census Enrollment Report - Dr. Brown distributed the enrollment report for information purposes to Council members.
- V. Adjournment - There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Scott Champney, Chair