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Graduate Council Minutes

November 30, 2020 1:15pm

<https://etsu.zoom.us/j/95800290145?pwd=VG1jQXVTL2FJZUNFaEhvWnNsZ2lVQT09>

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Present: Dr. Jill Leroy-Frazier, Queen Brown, Dr. Tony Pittarese, Dr. Brian Johnston, Dr. Scott Kirkby, Dr. Virginia Foley, Ms. Becky Birdwell, Dr. Karin Bartoszuk, Dr. William Flora, Ms. Casey Gardner, Dr. David Currie, Dr. Sharon McGee, Dr. Evelyn Roach, Dr. Patrick Bradshaw, Dr. Michele Johnson, Dr. Jean Croce Hemphill, Dr. Leslie McCallister, Dr. Jennifer Dafcik, Dr. Natalie Smith, Dr. Drew Howell, Dr. Beatrice Owens, Dr. Wendy Doucette, Dr. Ingrid Luffman.

A. Approval of the minutes: October 26, 2020 (*update on terminating academic programs*)

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the October 26, 2020 minutes

Dr. William Flora presented how proposals are approved and implemented through SACS and THEC.

B. Consent Items

a. Graduate Faculty

i. See Committee Minutes

Recommended Appointments November 2020

Name	Dept	Current Rank	Committee Recommendation
Alicia Nicole Stewart	Sport, Exercise, Recreation, and Kinesiology	Lecturer	affiliate
Jeremy A Smith	Appalachian Studies	Director	member

Recommended Reappointments November 2020

Name	Dept	Current Rank	Committee Recommendation
Betsy DeSimone	Cross-Disciplinary Studies	Lecturer	affiliate
Christopher E Gregg	Geosciences	Full Professor	senior

Erik M Peterson	Health Sciences	Assistant Professor	member
Gerardo Arceo Gomez	Biological Sciences	Assistant Professor	member
Jennifer Leann Hall	Biomedical Sciences COM	Assistant Professor	member
Jody Lashay Jennings	Curriculum and Instruction	Clinical Instructor	member
Joe Keith Green	Philosophy and Humanities	Full Professor	senior member
Joseph Dean Martin	Political Science, International Affairs & Public Administration	Adjunct	affiliate
Wanda Sue Chafin	Nursing	Adjunct	affiliate

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the recommendations of graduate faculty appointment and reappointments.

b. Curriculum

- i. [Establish New Concentration in an Existing Program – 3 concentrations: \(1\) Cybersecurity Management, \(2\) Business Analytics, and \(3\) Health Care Marketing – Accelerated Master of Business Administration \(AMBA\)](#)
- ii. [HDAL – 4027/5027 Serving Ex-offenders: Facilitating Reintegration](#)
- iii. [HDAL – 4147/5147 The Opioid Crisis](#)
- iv. [HDAL – 41675167 Trauma Theory](#)
- v. [HDAL – 4227/5227 Evidence Based Trauma Techniques](#)
- vi. [Revise Curriculum: Non-Substantive – Accelerated MBA \(AMBA\)](#)

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the curriculum proposals.

C. CSCI Concentration and Course Approvals

a. Thank you

Dr. Johnston thanked Becky Birdwell and Queen Brown for offering to be the Interim Recorder.

b. Improved efficiency

Dr. Johnston suggested to schedule two meeting per month for subcommittee curriculum proposals to improve efficiency.

D. Duolingo English Test (Dr. Bartoszuk)

Certification of English proficiency. Graduate students whose native language is not English must submit a minimum score of 79 (Internet-based), 550 (paper-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), taken within the past two years; a minimum score of 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS); a minimum score of 53 on the PTE Academic; successful completion of the English Language Services Program at Level 112; or have earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited U.S. institution. (All international students who receive a tuition scholarship or graduate assistantship must sit for an oral English proficiency interview immediately upon their arrival at ETSU.)

***International applicants have the option to submit Duolingo English test scores. To qualify for admission, applicants must score a minimum of 115 and complete an oral English proficiency interview (at no cost) regardless of receiving a graduate assistantship. This change applies from Spring 2021 until the Summer of 2022 admission periods.**

Dr. Bartoszuk presented the Duolingo English language for discussion. The final language will be placed in the catalog after Academic Council has approved. The Duolingo English language will be as follows:

****International applicants for Spring 2021 through Summer 2022 starting semesters, also have the option to submit Duolingo English Test scores. A minimum score of 115 is required for admission. Applicants that are admitted using the Duolingo English Test, will also be required to complete an oral English proficiency interview (at no cost) before the start of classes***

E. Graduate Council on QESC Update (Dr. Hemphill)

Dr. Hemphill presented QESC. QECs means Quality and Effectiveness Sub-Council Report to University and it is relevant SACSCOC standards. Dr. Hemphill is a current member and wanted to discuss the key facts of the watermark electronic reporting format the council members.

F. Graduate School Updates

a. 3MT update

Dr. McGee stated the 3MT winners were selected. The winners are Sharon Bigger as 1st place, John Hayford Teye-Kau as 2nd place, and Thomas Ntim as 3rd place. The event was virtual with diverse group of judges from the surrounding community.

b. Tuition Scholarship working group update

Dr. McGee detailed there is a group working on studying how the TS can be utilized more efficiently and allocated to more offices/departments. The committee is composed of graduate coordinators and representatives from each college. The details of the results will be presented to the Graduate Council in April 2021.

c. Graduation tuition update

Dr. McGee stated the College of Graduate and Continuing Studies has reorganized the former graduate specialists and the details will be shared soon.

Also, Dr. McGee stated a tuition committee is researching graduate tuition using similar metric as undergraduate tuition. The results will be ready by December 15 and presented to the Deans Council.

G. The Future of the Graduate Council Discussion

a. Please watch the link below to some background on this discussion

i. <https://youtu.be/bhQovlhYJM4>

The Graduate Council discussed various ways the council member can be more efficient and effective with other issues at the university.

- **How the council can make the university the best it can be.**
- **How the council members can use the meetings to improve other areas of the university.**

There were no further council items, therefore, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.