

Graduate Council
April 9, 2015
Minutes

Members Present

Sheila Adams	Sue Jolly
Joy Townsend	Teresa Hamill
Johnnie Sue Wijewardane	Scott Tollison
Marty Brock	Brian Anderson
David Carter	Bridget Pieschel
Mark Bean	Dee Dee Larson
Peppy Bidy	

Ex-Officio Members Present

Lynn Dobbs

The Graduate Council met on April 9, 2015, in the Welty Boardroom. The minutes of the February meeting were approved by a unanimous vote.

Council Actions

College of Education & Human Sciences

1. Modify an Existing Course – ED 598 Internship in Gifted Studies
2. Modify an Existing Course – ED 599 Internship in Reading Literacy

Sue Jolly presented these proposals noting these are course description changes only that reflect the minimum number of hours required for degree. Sheila Adams made a motion to accept these proposals as presented. Johnnie Sue seconded the motion and was passed unanimously.

College of Nursing

3. Offer a New Course – NU 7?? Biostatistics (Inferential Statistics)

Johnnie Sue now has the required number of hours to teach this course. Students have found it difficult to find somewhere to take this course as most programs only teach it to students within that program. Now MUW will be able to

offer it entirely online beginning Fall 15. Bridget Pieschel made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mark Bean seconded the motion and was passed unanimously.

4. Inactivate a Course – NU 507 Advanced Health Assessment: Pediatric
5. Inactivate a Course – NU 507L Advanced Health Assessment: Pediatric Clinical
6. Inactivate a Course – NU 518 Primary Care Management: Pediatric
7. Inactivate a Course – NU 518L Primary Care Management: Pediatric Clinical
8. Inactivate a Course – NU 520 Primary Care Management II: Pediatric
9. Inactivate a Course – NU 610.2 Reproductive Health for Adult Practitioners
10. Inactivate a Course – NU 627.4 Clinical Management of Adults & Older Adults
11. Inactivate a Course – NU 627.5 Clinical Management of Adults & Older Adults II
12. Inactivate a Course – NU 627.6 Clinical Management of Adults & Older Adults III
13. Inactivate a Course – NU 628.4 Practicum in Clinical Management of Adults & Older Adults I
14. Inactivate a Course – NU 628.5 Practicum in Clinical Management of Adults & Older Adults II
15. Inactivate a Course – NU 630 Psychobiological Theories & Assessment in Advanced Practice Nursing
16. Inactivate a Course – NU 631 Family Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Diagnosis and Management with Individuals (MECSAPN)
17. Inactivate a Course – NU 631L Family Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (MECSAPN) Practicum
18. Inactivate a Course – NU 634L Family Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (MECSAPN) Practicum III
19. Inactivate a Course – NU 635 Family Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Diagnosis and Management with Groups & Families (MECSAPN)
20. Inactivate a Course – NU 635L Family Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (MECSAPN) Practicum II
21. Inactivate a Course – NU 636 Psychopharmacology (MECSAPN)

Johnnie Sue presented these proposals as a group. We use to offer Pediatric, Adult and Geriatric programs, but the trend is moving toward conventional family not specific areas and we no longer have faculty to teach in those areas. USM will no longer be teaching the psychiatric programs; therefore, we are inactivating the affected courses. David Carter made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Joy Townsend seconded the motion and was passed unanimously.

Faculty Credentials

Marty Brock presented the following credentials for graduate faculty for MS in Global Commerce.

- Leann Markham

Bridget Pieschel moved to accept these credentials as graduate faculty. Sheila Adams seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

Old Business

- GRE/ entrance tests for graduate admission
After much discussion, the committee recommended to maintain the requirement of a GRE for admission to Graduate Studies at this time. However, each program will be required to officially request an exception to this requirement.

Marty will research other IHL institutions and the policies surrounding GREs and Best Practices.

New Business

- Update – Executive Certificates
The Registrar's Office is now able to print Executive Certificates. These certificate completions are now noted in Banner and on the student transcripts. Scott indicated that he has only done the undergraduate ones but now that we have students completing these programs, the graduation application fee seems high. Scott has asked for \$25 fee and will be presented to the Academic Council for review.
- Planning for Campus Graduate Events

The question was asked concerning campus graduate events: "who is the target audience, our own students and/or other students?" At the last event, other schools came to recruit our students and we need to have a prominent visibility at our own events. It was suggested that we have brochures for each program and materials to give out that look professional and similar, Graduate Studies

tablecloths, signs and display boards. A Graduate Studies presence needs to be at all job fairs and events. Focused Recruiting – we are not asking for a recruiter this time; we are asking for items to recruit with!

- Letters of Recommendation from Campus Sources – TABLED
- Letters of Recommendation from graduate faculty
The Graduate Bulletin states that letters of recommendation cannot come from graduate faculty. The Council finds this to be unacceptable as most of our graduate faculty also teach undergraduate courses. Who better to know if a student can succeed in the graduate program than faculty who have been working with the students as undergraduates.
As a motion, Bridget Pieschel recommends removal of that statement from all locations in the graduate bulletin. Sue Jolly seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Our last meeting will be May 14, 2015, if necessary.