

Graduate Council
December 8, 2016
Minutes

Members Present

Joy Townsend	Chad Murphy for Irene Pintado
Brian Anderson	Marty Brock
Kendall Dunkelberg	Lorraine Gaddis
Teresa Hamill	Marty Hatton
Lynn Dobbs	Amanda Clay Powers
Scott Tollison	

The Graduate Council met on December 8, 2016, in the Welty Boardroom. The minutes of the November meeting were approved by an electronic unanimous vote.

College of Education & Human Sciences

Chad Murphy presented the following proposals:

- Modify a Curriculum – Health Education
- Add a New Course – HED 517 Biostatistics
- Add a New Course – HED 518 Environmental & Occupational Health

The name change is indicative of a strong preference from students to have earned a Master of Public Health degree. Therefore the College is pursuing a name change from the Master of Science in Health Education as well as increase the number of hours from 39 to 45. In addition, two new courses will need to be added to be consistent with core public health course offerings. This will also better prepare students to take the CHES (Certified Health Education Specialist) exam which is important for health educators. This program is the only Master of Public Health in Mississippi that is 100% online. The University of Southern Mississippi and Jackson State University are both face-to-face.

Sheila Adams made a motion Peppy Bidy seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Faculty Credentials

- Creative Writing – Diana Spechler

David Carter made a motion to accept and support the above credentials for graduate faculty. Sheila Adams seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

Old Business

- Fire Engine-RED Update – Marty, Kendall, Lisa and Rich will be meeting next week to update the website to include the new online application processes. Please review your area website to be sure that all information is correct and easy to access.

Our next meeting will be January 12, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. Proposals will be due by noon January 4, 2017.