

Graduate Council
November 9, 2017
Welty Boardroom

Present: Irene Pintado, Joy Townsend, Royal Toy, Teresa Hamill, Scott Tollison, Brian Anderson, David Carter, Bridget Pieschel, Kendall Dunkelberg, Mark Bean, Emily Stidham, Lorraine Gaddis, Carey McCarter, Peppy Bidy, Lynn Dobbs, Amanda Clay Powers, and Marty Hatton

Minutes

Approval of October 12, 2017 minutes by electronic vote – Dr. Marty Brock motioned to approve and Dr. Hamill seconded the minutes as presented with editorial changes by email. The motion passed unanimously.

Faculty Credentials

Proposed Graduate Faculty Member – MEd

- Leigh Todd – Dr. Anderson and Dr. Toy presented to the group the justification of Leigh Todd's credentials. Leigh Todd has an Ed.S. in Educational Leadership, M.Ed. in Gifted Studies and has been a Principal for 10 years with a Mississippi K-12 AA Certification in School Administration. Graduate Council moved and seconded to approve Leigh Todd's credentials as presented.

Proposed Graduate Faculty Member – MFA Creative Writing

- L. Lamar Wilson & Ellen Ann Fentress – Dr. Dunkelberg presented to the group the support documentation of Lamar Wilson and Ellen Fentress. Lamar has both MFA and Ph.D. degrees in English. Ellen has an MFA and experiences as teaching as a Creative Nonfiction teacher. The MFA is the terminal degree for teaching in the MFA Creative Writing program. Graduate Council moved and seconded to approve both Lamar Wilson and Ellen Fentress credentials as presented.

Proposed Graduate Faculty Member – MFA Physical Theatre (tabled from October meeting for translation of CV)

- Andre Casaca – This agenda item will continue to roll until CV is translated.

Curriculum

The Department of Health and Kinesiology requested the approval to change the following courses from 6 credit hours to variable (3-6 credit hours). Graduate Council motioned and seconded the approval to change the credit hours in HED 597, 598, and 599.

- **Modify an Existing Course – HED 597** Capstone Research Project in Health Education
 - Change from 6 credit hours to variable (3-6 credit hours)
- **Modify an Existing Course – HED 598** Internship in Health Education

- Change from 6 credit hours to variable (3-6 credit hours)
- **Modify an Existing Course – HED 599** Thesis in Health Education
 - Change from 6 credit hours to variable (3-6 credit hours)

The Department of Health and Kinesiology requested the following graduate curriculum changes for the Masters in Public Health Program (MPH):

- **Offer a New Course – HED 575** Introduction to Public Health Organization and Policy
This course is needed to meet the criteria for the accreditation by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). It has been approved by the public health faculty and the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Curriculum Committee. Graduate Council moved and seconded to approve adding HED 575 to the MPH program.
- **Modify an Existing Curriculum – Masters of Public Health**
 - Increase the number of hours required from 39 to 42
The additional new course HED 575 will increase the MPH degree requirements from 39 to 42 hours. Graduate Council moved and seconded the approval to change the hours in the MPH program.

Other Business:

- Fire Engine Red: Dr. Dunkelberg asked for feedback about changing the online application to capture the payment when the student applies and is requesting recommendation letters. He also asked the group if getting the printed applications was helpful. Dr. Hatton reminded the group that we pay Fire Engine Red a flat rate and a per application rate.
- Dr. Hatton updated the group about curriculum changes. All curricular changes go to the Provost, then to the President, and finalized in the bulletin with the Registrar's office. It is important that we report changes to IR, the webmaster, and Carla Lowery (SACSCOC Liaison).
- Website Update: the webmaster is updating the webpages to be more consistent. He is conducting surveys to get feedback. Please hold any changes until further notice.

Our next meeting is scheduled for *December 14, 2017*, at 3:30 pm (Note: This is the Thursday before December Commencement and falls in the Final Exam week). Proposals and agenda items will be due by noon December 6, 2017.