

Graduate Council

Minutes 2:00 pm

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Gail P. Gunter Room

John C. Fant Memorial Library

Present: Marty Brock, Beth Turner, Kelly Ballard, Chrystal Hodges, Chad Murphy, Alena Groves, Shahara'Tova Dente, Kendall Dunkelberg, Tracee Watkins, Brandy Larmon, Shonda Phelon, Hunter Manasco, David Carter, Mikayla Johnson, Shannon Lucius

I. Review of credentials for consideration of the following faculty:

- College of Nursing & Health Sciences – Speech Language Pathology
 - o Madeline Blair

Hunter Manasco presented. This instructor will supervise students in two schools that Speech Path directly services. Kendall Dunkelberg made a motion that Madeline Blair be accepted as graduate faculty. Shonda Phelon seconded. All were in favor. None opposed.

II. Change Admission Requirement (see attached proposed language):

- School of Education – Accelerated Bachelor's/MAT program
 - o Lower from 3.25 to 3.0.

Kelly Ballard presented. SOE is asking for this for the accelerated MAT to line up with the MAT requirements. They are removing a barrier that MDE doesn't require. Motion was made to approve the new wording with the following change: *Transfer students must have completed at least 24 credit hours at MUW, "prior to enrolling."* By Shonda Phelon. Seconded by Kendall Dunkelberg. All in favor. None opposed.

- College of Nursing & Health Sciences – Nursing
 - o Advanced pathophysiology-allow students without a 3.0.
 - o Advanced Pathophysiology minimum GPA/non MUW students

Motion was made by Kendall Dunkelberg with the added language *...MUW graduate program, "as a nondegree seeking student."* Seconded by Alena Groves. All in favor. None opposed.

III. Change Course Prefix:

- College of Arts and Sciences – Women's Leadership
 - o Change the prefix of all courses in the Women's Leadership program, currently WS 500 and higher, from WS to WL.

Kendall Dunkelberg presented. It will make things clearer to steer away from the WS prefix and align the Women's Leadership course with the WL prefix. It does not affect courses in any other

way. Effective Spring 2027. Hunter Manasco made a motion with a slight amendment to be effective in Spring 2027. Seconded by Tracee Watkins. All in favor. None opposed.

IV. New Course:

- College of Nursing & Health Sciences – Speech Language Pathology
 - o Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Disorders – Elective Course

Hunter Manasco presented. There is room for students to take another elective course and there was feedback that there is interest in a pediatric feeding and swallowing course. Course is not on a new course form. Motion was made to send course out for an evote when it has been placed on the correct form by Kendall Dunkelberg, who also stated he was in full support of the course. Seconded by Tracee Watkins. All were in favor. None opposed.

V. Other/Discussion

- Approve November minutes Shonda Phelon made a motion to approve the November minutes. Hunter Manasco seconded. All were in favor. None opposed.
- November Recommendations were approved
- 3.6 Second Masters Degree Marty Brock presented. As the bulletin stands, 25% of the degree equals to only taking 7 ½ hours to be able to get a second masters. Council agreed that 50% of the degree is a better fit. Marty Brock will send out language for the council to approve stating students must take 50% of the second masters program hours including the thesis to earn a degree in that program.

Motion to adjourn made by Hunter Manasco. Seconded by Mikayla Johnson. All in favor. None opposed.