

Graduate Council Minutes
March 6, 2008
310 Administration Building
1:30 p.m.

In attendance: Cheryl Rich, Dave Wentling, Julie Wilson, Jim Kracht, Emily Davidson, Skip Landis, N.K. Anand, Dave Reed, Sam Kirkpatrick, Jack Vitek, Henry Huebner, Vatche Tchakerian, Stephen Atkins, William Seitz, David Blackwell, Tom Blasingame, Walt Haisler, Teresa Wright, Bob Webb, Buzz Pruitt, Ruth Mullins, Suzanne Droleskey, Shari Hilding Kronforst, Dick Haney, Jane Walsh, Brenda Thomas and recording secretary Suzanne Brynildsen.

1. Approval of the minutes of the December 6, 2007 and February 2008 electronic meeting. Minutes approved as written.
2. New Courses

Graduate Council recommends approval of the following with friendly amendments consisting of editorial changes.

A6068	AERO 630	Introduction to Random Dynamical Systems
A6078	AGRO 637	Environment Microbiology
A6088	AGRO 671	Plant Growth and Development – Cross-listed with MEPS 671
A6098	ALEC 606	Foundations of Leadership Theory – Stacked with ALED 340
A6108	ANSC 622	Research Methods in Animal Science
A6128	ANTH 639	Gender, Ethnicity, and Class in Archaeological Research – WMST 639
A6118	BAEN 614	Renewable Energy Resources for Agriculture – stacked with BAEN 414 - <i>course withdrawn</i>
A6138	ECMT 680	Financial Econometrics
A6148	ECON 680	Financial Economics
A6158	MEPS 671	Plant Growth and Development – Cross-listed with AGRO 671
A6168	WFSC 646	Quantitative Phylogenetics – Cross-listed with ENTO 606 and GENE 606
A6178	WMST 639	Gender, Ethnicity, and Class in Archaeological Research – Cross-listed with ANTH 639

Tabled New Courses

Graduate Council recommends approval of the following with of editorial changes.

A6028	AERO 649	Generalized Finite Element Methods – Cross-listed with MEMA 649
A6038	MEMA 649	Generalized Finite Element Methods – Cross-listed with AERO 649

3. Course Changes

Graduate Council recommends approval of the following with editorial changes.

C6028	ECMT 669	Fundamental Mathematics for Economists
C6038	ECMT 677	Econometrics III
C6048	ECMT 678	Econometrics IV
C6058	ECMT 679	Econometrics V
C6068	ECON 630	Microeconomic Theory II
C6078	ECON 659	Game Theory

4. Special Consideration Items

Graduate Council recommends approval.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Discontinuation of the MS degree in Biophysics

Discontinuation of the MAGR degree in Dairy Science

Discontinuation of the M.Agr. degree in Floriculture

Discontinuation of the Master of Agriculture-Agronomy in Soil and Crop Sciences

Discontinuation of the M.Agr. degree in Agricultural Chemistry

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Department of Soil and Crops Sciences

Graduate Course Prefix Change from AGRO to SCSC

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Tabled Special Consideration Item

Graduate Council recommends approval of the following with an editorial change.

College of Science

Department of Mathematics

Proposed Fast-Track/Bachelor/Masters Program (3+2 Program)

5. Items for Discussion

Catalog course descriptions – furnished by departments. Dr. Reed asked that departments or colleges begin adding the catalog course description paragraph, in Word format, to the New Course Request. He said this would help eliminate errors when the Graduate Council report is prepared by OGS for Curricular Services. OGS is not familiar with all technical terms used by departments and is, therefore, unable to determine if a word is misspelled.

Course descriptions for courses embedded in new degree proposals. Curricular Services has begun to request course descriptions for new courses that are included in new degree proposals. Dr. Reed asked that these course descriptions also be submitted in a Word format, formatting as shown in the graduate catalog, so that the text can be easily copied and placed in a report for Curricular Services.

Course Changes – form not needed for cross-listings. Cross-listing requests can be sent directly to Curricular Services. Dr. Reed said that in a recent conversation with Sandra Williams in Curricular Services it was determined that a course change for cross-listings could either be done by a memo sent to Sandra requesting the change or by making the change on the new catalog draft.

Structure of GC-GOC. Dr. Reed said he met with Faculty Senate Executive Committee in December. At that meeting he asked for FS input as to how they thought Graduate Council should be structured. He has not received any feedback from Faculty Senate. After some discussion, it was determined that Dr. Reed would send a memorandum to Faculty Senate stating that it was the belief of Graduate Council they had been operating in accordance with the guidelines that were previously set forth by Faculty Senate. The plan is to continue in the current mode at least until the beginning of the new school year.

Cheryl Rich commented that Admissions was ahead in processing for this time of year. Graduate applications were up 15% and admits were up 35%. MOBIUS reports have this information.

Suzanne Droleskey said ISS had an early dump from Admissions – were not ahead in processing of documents.

Graduate Student Council. Shari Hilding-Kronforst reminded Council of the upcoming Student Research Week – March 24th through the 28th and that a need still exists for judges.