

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 29, 2010
208 Thurmond Hall

Members present: Andy Doyle, Gary Alderman, Jackie McFadden, Don Rogers, Mel Horton, Chelsea Pedersen (student), and Tom Polaski (ex officio)

Guests present: Yvonne Murnane, Jack DeRochi, Deana Morrow, Gina Jones, Tim Drueke, Peggy Hager, and Margaret Williamson

- I. The minutes from the September 24, 2010 minutes were approved.
- II. Dean Murnane reported on Graduate School activities, including an update on enrollment, meeting with graduate program coordinators in VPA and Arts & Sciences, and the graduate student advisory council meeting. Her report is attached.
- III. Curriculum items – all were approved
 - a. Modify NUTR 623 from requiring NUTR 521 or equivalent and CHEM 310/311 or equivalent and offered in the spring to requiring NUTR 521 or equivalent and CHEM 310 or equivalent offered periodically. And adding the following goals for the course: 1. Describe cellular bioenergetics; 2. Explain certain pathways and their relation to energy metabolism; 3. Understand oxidative phosphorylation and its function as a source of ATP; 4. Explain carbohydrate metabolism and its relation to maintenance of blood glucose levels in fed and fasted states; 5. Explain role of folate metabolism and its relation to neural tube defects; 6. Discuss fat metabolism and its relation to the maintenance of homeostasis in the body; 7. Describe amino acid metabolism and its relation to homeostasis; 8. Explain how metabolic pathways are regulated.
 - b. Modify NUTR 624 from requiring CHEM 310/311 or equivalent and NUTR 521 or equivalent to CHEM 310 or equivalent and NUTR 521 or equivalent. From offered variable times to offered odd years in fall. And add the following goals: 1. Demonstrate understanding of the digestion, absorption, metabolism, and utilization of all studied nutrients; 2. Demonstrate knowledge of the physiological functions of vitamins in the human body; 3 demonstrate knowledge of nutrient, vitamin interactions; 4. Demonstrate understanding of the relationship of vitamins to disease.
 - c. Modify NUTR 626 from requiring CHEM 310/311 or equivalent and NUTR 521 or equivalent to CHEM 310 or equivalent and NUTR 521 or equivalent. From offered as a lecture and independent study offered variable times to offered as lecture, research, seminar offered in the fall. Add the following goals: 1. Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the digestion, absorption, metabolism,

- and utilization of studied nutrients; 2. Demonstrate knowledge of the physiological functions of minerals in the human body; 3. Demonstrate knowledge of nutrient/mineral and food component/mineral interactions; 4. Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship of minerals to certain diseases.
- d. Add PEAC550, Special Topics in Peace, Justice, and Conflict Resolution Studies (3 credit hours). This is a special topics course that may be cross-listed with other academic departments to provide opportunities for faculty to teach courses in the Peace, Justice, and Conflict Resolution Studies minor. This course expands the opportunities to diversify offerings in the peace studies minor by allowing instructors the opportunity to create new courses that explore topics that deal with either peace, justice, or conflict in any of the disciplines of the arts and sciences. Prerequisite: WRIT 101 with a C- or better.
 - e. MSW-Social Work. The changes streamline the program and do not alter the concentration of empowerment. See Attached

IV. Old Business

- a. The council discussed the academic dismissal time frame and voted to leave the policy as currently stated.
- b. The council decided to delay a vote on implementing plus/minus grading on the graduate level until more data is available on the number of graduate students who currently have a 3.1 or less.

V. New Business

- a. The council voted to give graduate faculty status to Dr. Kelly Costner from the Richard W. Riley College of Education.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Williamson

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

DEAN'S REPORT

October 29, 2010

- A. Announcements
 - 1. Citizenship verification
 - 2. Meeting with graduate program coordinators in the colleges
 - a. plus/minus grading
 - b. programs of study
 - 3. Submission of electronic thesis
 - 4. Lunch with the Graduate Dean Tuesday, October 26
 - 5. Graduate social at McHale's Thursday, Oct 28

- B. Graduate Enrollment
 - 1. 1122 total Increased by 51 since last Council meeting on Oct 8 due to the WPDC enrollments
 - 2. 924 Degree Seeking 188 Non-degree Seeking

- C. Graduate Student Advisory Council meeting (Margaret Williamson)

- D. Banner Updates (Margaret Williamson)