MINUTES

Graduate Council

September 16, 2010

Present: Ex officio: M. Sohn (Chairperson), R.L. Alford

Voting Members: J. Cain, D. Carroll, J. Deshalalow, M. Gallo, B. Grossman,
J. Martinez-Diaz, D. Mitra, K. Mitra, H. Rassoul, T. Richardson,
V. Sharma, J. Strother, M. Tomadakis, J. Trefrey (proxy), A. Vamisi,
B. Webster

Guests: M. Baloga, C. Young

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

Dr. Sohn welcomed all Graduate Council members and guests. Dr. Alford reminded members to carefully review the items in their packets, apprise their respective departments, and to bring any input to Grad Council meetings. He also urged council members to exercise careful thought when using abstentions during the voting process. Dr. Alford advised that he has accepted the position of Senior Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School. He then introduced Dr. Baloga as Associate Dean effective October 4, noting that she will be involved in more day to day tasks. Dr. Alford will still actively attend Graduate Council meetings. Dr. Sohn stated that Dr. Baloga will be an enormous help and introduced her to fellow Graduate Council members. Dr. Layne provided calendars listing dates for material submission deadlines and Graduate Council meetings. Lists containing Graduate Council member contact information were distributed to all.

1) MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2010 GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

Approved

The minutes of the April 15, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Sharma and a second by Dr. Rassoul, resulting in a vote of 15 approvals and one abstention.

2) DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Dr. Layne updated Graduate Council members of actions and changes that occurred since the April 2010 meeting. She apprised council members of OGP staff changes and introduced the new department contacts. She announced that OGP has partnered with the Registrar’s Office and IT in a new system using FormFusion for immediate and confidential notification to graduate students of academic actions at the end of each term, effective with the Spring 2010 Term. The new course CHM 5201 Green Chemistry was approved by Graduate Council members by electronic vote in August. One informational item resultant from April and August meetings of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee was noted; two
graduate courses (MAE 5150 Computational Fluid Dynamics and MTH 5315 Numerical Methods for Partial and Differential Equations) require a prerequisite change due to the passage of a new undergraduate course (MTH 3201 Introduction to Partial and Differential Equations and Applications) which will replace a previously existing course (MTH 3201 Boundary Value Problems). The appropriate signed forms were submitted by the College of Engineering and the College of Science.

3) **ADJUNCT GRADUATE FACULTY APPOINTMENT: Dr. Liam MAYRON**

*Approved at MS Level*

Dr. Gallo noted that the department memo was not clear whether this was a nomination at the Master's or Doctoral Level. Dr. Rassoul had concerns nominating an adjunct faculty member to the Doctoral Level due to limited availability to students. Dr. D. Mitra confirmed that Dr. Mayron will be teaching courses. Dr. Gallo was uncomfortable with changing the memo to state that the appointment was at the Doctoral Level. He suggested that it be returned to the department. Dr. Richardson agreed on clarification from the department before voting. Dr. Sohn suggested voting on an amendment for the approval of Dr. Mayron at the Master's Level, 10 members approved and six opposed. The motion was passed to amend that Dr. Mayron will be voted upon to approve his Graduate Faculty nomination at the Master’s Level, resulting in 13 in favor and three abstentions.

4) **CURRICULUM MODIFICATION: Ed.D Degrees (Delete two programs): Ed.D. in Mathematics Education and Ed.D. in Science Education**

*Approved*

On a motion from Dr. Gallo and a second from Dr. Martinez-Diaz, the vote was 15 in favor and one abstention.

5) **CHANGE IN GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: MBA INTERNET MARKETING (One New Course- BUS 5629)**

*Unanimously Approved*

Dr. D. Mitra inquired about the purpose of this course and whether legal and ethical issues were addressed in it. Dr. Vamosi stated that while the course touches on ethical issues, it is not specifically for ethical issues. Dr. D. Mitra thinks that this topic should be included due to emerging privacy and security issues and Dr. Vamosi noted that it can be included in suggested topics.

On a motion by Dr. Richardson and a second by Dr. Dshalalow the vote resulted in unanimous approval.
6) **NEW OPTIONS FOR MBA ONLINE PROGRAMS:**
   MBA Accounting (One New Course- BUS 5644)
   MBA Finance (Two New Courses- BUS 5444 and BUS 5448)

   **Unanimously Approved**

   Dr. Sohn noted the accounting and finance options are separated into two options, listing three new courses with syllabi attached. Dr. Vamosi stated that the current accounting/finance option is not being removed. Rather, two new program options are being added for flexibility.

   On a motion by Dr. Richardson and a second by Dr. Dshalalow, the vote resulted in unanimous approval.

   There were no remarks from the floor.

The next meeting will be held on the 3rd Thursday, October 21, 2010

Dr. Sohn reminded Graduate Council members of the date change for the November Committee meetings. The meetings (if needed) will take place on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 due to the Veteran’s Day Holiday. Otherwise, committee meetings are regularly scheduled for the second Thursday of each month.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

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Director of Graduate Programs