Arkansas Tech University
Graduate Council
Minutes of Meeting
November 9, 2010

The Graduate Council met in Rothwell 308 on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. Graduate Council members include the following:

Dr. Mary Gunter, Chair                      Dr. Susan Underwood
Dr. Mary Ann Rollans                              Dr. Deborah Wilson
Dr. Cheryl Smith                                    Dr. Matt Brown
Ms. Connie Zimmer                                  Dr. Sean Huss
Dr. John Jackson                                    Dr. Annette Holeyfield
Dr. Linda Bean, Vice Chair                        Ms. Holly Thomas, Student
Dr. Peter Dykema                                   Representative
Dr. Richard Ihde                                   Ms. Tammy Rhodes, Secretary

Dr. Mary Gunter and Dr. Annette Holeyfield were absent. Guests were Dr. Hanna Norton, Dr. Cathy Caldwell, Dr. Carl Brucker, and Dr. Nelson Ramirez.

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In Dr. Gunter’s absence, Dr. Bean called the meeting to order and indicated a quorum was present for the meeting and business could be conducted.

Dr. Bean asked for approval of the minutes from October 26, 2010. Dr. Underwood moved, Dr. Wilson, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Dr. Bean requested action on the requests for approval of graduate faculty. Dr. Dykema moved, Dr. Wilson seconded, to approve the both nominations to graduate faculty: Dr. Daniel Bullock and Mr. Thomas Pennington as Regular Faculty. Motion carried.

CURRICULAR ACTION ITEMS:

Department of Art

Dr. Bean requested the tabled proposal from the October meeting from the Art Department be reconsidered. Dr. Dykema moved, Dr. Underwood seconded, to approve addition of the following course: ART 5723/4723, Art History Seminar, to the course descriptions. (Course exists in the undergraduate course descriptions.) Motion carried.

Department of Biological Sciences
Dr. Underwood moved, Dr. Dykema seconded, to approve the following proposals. Motion carried.

(a) Add FW (BIOL) 5163/4163, Biodiversity and Conservation Biology, to the course descriptions (Course exists in the undergraduate course descriptions.);

(b) Add FW 6023, Quantitative Fisheries Science, to the course descriptions;

(c) Modify the course description for FW 5034/4034, Geographic Information Systems in Natural Resources; redistribute the hours between lecture and lab; and change the Prerequisites: PSY(SOC) 2053 or MATH 2163 and Computer Science elective or GEOG 4833; to Prerequisites: a course in GIS or permission of instructor; and

(d) Modify the course description for FW 5064/4064, Wetland Ecology and Management, redistribute the hours between lecture and lab; and change the Prerequisites: BIOL/FW 3114, to Prerequisite: a course in ecology or permission of instructor.

Department of English

Dr. Smith moved, Dr. Huss seconded, to approve the addition of an exam option to the Master of Liberal Arts. Motion carried.

Department of Foreign Language

Dr. Wilson moved, Dr. Rollans seconded, to approve the following proposal. Motion carried.

(a) Add SPAN 5023/4023, Introduction to Spanish Linguistics, to the course descriptions (Course exists in the undergraduate course descriptions.);

(e) Change the course number for SPAN 6073, Short Story, to SPAN 5203/4203, and modify the course descriptions (Course exists in the undergraduate course descriptions.); and

(f) Modify the Master of Arts in Spanish as outlined in the proposal.

Department of Speech, Theatre, and Journalism

Dr. Zimmer moved, Dr. Underwood seconded, to approve the following proposals. Motion carried.
(a) Add the following courses to the course descriptions:
   (1) JOUR 5023/4023, Social Media;
   (2) JOUR 5043/4043, Journalism Ethics;
   (3) JOUR 6013, Visual Storytelling;
   (4) JOUR 6023, Video Production for New Media; and
   (5) JOUR 6331-3, Professional Portfolio; and

(b) Modify the Master of Arts in Multimedia Journalism as follows:
   (1) Add JOUR 5023, JOUR 5043, JOUR 6013, JOUR 6023, and JOUR 6331-3;
   (2) Add JOUR 5033 to elective option;
   (3) Move JOUR 5163 to elective option; and
   (4) Delete SPH 5003, SPH 5153, and JOUR 6996.

Other Council Business Items for Discussion

Dr. Bean asked for an update from Dr. Ihde regarding the Human Subjects Committee. Dr. Ihde reported the deans have appointed members for the campus-wide committee and indicated the draft would be used in the spring to determine further revisions.

Dr. Bean reminded the committee that the next meeting would be a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, December 7, at 11:30 a.m. at the Chambers Private Dining Room.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Rhodes