Arkansas Tech University  
Graduate Council  
Minutes of Meeting  
October 15, 2013

The Graduate Council met in Doc Bryan Senate Room, on Tuesday, October 15, at 3 p.m. Graduate Council members include the following:

Dr. Mary Gunter, Chair  
Dr. Linda Bean, Vice Chair  
Dr. Susan Underwood  
Dr. Annette Holeyfield  
Dr. Sid Womack  
Dr. Nelson Ramirez  
Dr. Deborah Wilson  
Dr. Cheryl Smith  
Dr. Thomas Nupp  
Dr. Jan Jenkins  
Dr. Mona Chadwick  
Dr. Pat Buford  
Dr. Sandy Smith  
Mr. Trent DeWitt, Student Representative  
Ms. Tammy Rhodes Weaver, Secretary

Dr. Underwood, Dr. Womack, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Cheryl Smith, and Dr. Nupp were absent. Guests included Dr. Elizabeth Gray, Dr. Daniel Martin, Dr. Sean Huss, Dr. Michelle Varner, Ms. Brandi Tripp, and Ms. Becky Alverson.

REPORT FROM GRADUATE DEAN

Dr. Gunter reported she would be working on an assessment plan for the Graduate College. Dr. Gunter reported Tech has completed the HLC Change Application and the form has been sent to ADHE. Dr. Gunter reported she was working on a possible certificate program with the University of Arkansas – Clinton School of Public Service. Dr. Gunter indicated that she would like to appoint a committee for academic dishonesty and misconduct. Dr. Gunter indicated she would be bringing a recommendation in the future allowing for an application fee for a calendar year instead of the one-time fee.

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Gunter called the meeting to order and indicated a quorum was present for the meeting and business could be conducted.

Dr. Gunter asked for approval of the minutes from September 17, 2013. Dr. Chadwick made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sandy Smith, to approve the minutes. Motion approved.

CURRICULUM

Dr. Sandy Smith made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jenkins, to approve the following proposals from the Department of Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Sandy Smith made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jenkins, to approve proposals with an amendment to item 3. The amendment added “or sociology or related field” to the prerequisite. Motion approved.
1. Add the following courses to the course descriptions:
   (a) SOC 6023, Advanced Social Theory;
   (b) SOC 6033, Advanced Methodology;
   (c) SOC 6043, Evaluation and Assessment;
   (d) SOC 6053, Advanced Topics in Criminal Justice;
   (e) SOC 6063, Advanced Topics in Gerontology;
   (f) SOC 6691-4, Independent Study; and
   (g) SOC 6991-3, Thesis Research; and
2. Add the following graduate cross-list to the existing undergraduate courses and add to the graduate cross-list the prerequisite: require a BA or BS in Sociology or related field:
   (a) SOC 4003/5003, Minority Relations;
   (b) SOC/CJ 4013/5013, Drugs and Society;
   (c) SOC/PSY 4043/5043, Social Psychology;
   (d) SOC 4053/5053, Sociology of Health and Illness;
   (e) SOC 4063/5063, Social Stratification; and
   (f) SOC 4183/5183, Social Gerontology (SOC 3173 to become 4183);
3. Add the SOC cross-list to PSY 6013, Advanced Statistics, and change the prerequisite from Prerequisite: PSY 2053 or equivalent and graduate standing in psychology or instructor and program director permission; to Prerequisite: PSY/SOC 2053 or equivalent and graduate standing in psychology or instructor and program director permission; and
4. Add a new program: Master of Science in Applied Sociology, CIP Code: 45.1101

Dr. Buford made a motion, seconded by Dr. Chadwick, to approve the request to discontinue the Master of Arts in Spanish. Motion approved.

Dr. Bean made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jenkins, to approve the following:

2. Revise hours for Methods Component to variable hours; and
3. Revise hours for Professional Component to variable hours.

Motion approved.

Dr. Buford made a motion, seconded by Dr. Chadwick, to approve the following:

1. Change the title of EMHS 6413, Action Research Practicum II, to Capstone Research and Practicum II; and modify the course description; and
2. Add EMHS 6423, Internship for Professional Practice, to the course descriptions.

Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON GRADUATE FACULTY

Dr. Bean made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ramirez, to approve Dr. Glen Bishop, Park, Recreation, and Hospitality – College of Engineering & Applied Sciences, to Non-Regular Faculty. Motion approved.
Dr. Bean made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jenkins, to approve Ms. Cheryl Harris, Center for Leadership & Learning – Graduate College, to Non-Regular Faculty. Motion approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Gunter reported notification had been sent to ADE and ADHE to request conversion of the program of Educational Specialist Education Leadership from a traditional program to a distance learning technology program.

Dr. Gunter indicated the next meeting would be on November 19, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. at Doc Bryan Senate Room. Dr. Gunter reported the last meeting of the semester would be a luncheon on December 10, 2013, from 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. at Chambers Cafeteria, West Dining Room.

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Rhodes Weaver