

## Graduate Council Minutes

August 31, 2010

Members present: Andy Doyle (chair), Gary Alderman(A&S), Don Rogers(VPA), Jackie McFadden(Dacus), Gale Teaster(Dacus), Jane Thomas(CBA), Mel Horton(COE), Wanda Briggs(COE)

Others present: Jack DeRochi(chair of graduate faculty assembly, Yvonne Murnane (dean), Margaret Williamson (assistant dean), Chelsea Pederson (student)

1. Introductions of all present were made
2. The minutes from the April 9, 2010 were approved
3. The chair indicated that he was waiting to hear who the student representative will be from VPA
4. Dean Murnane , in her report which is attached, presented enrollment figures and told the group about two new additions to the Graduate School/Summer Session office. Tracy Hudson, who coordinates the New Start Program will also be working with summer session. Katie Dykhuis will be the new web liaison and recruitment coordinator.
5. Curriculum Items: all 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 homeostatis in the body; 7. Describe amino acid metabolism and its relation to homeostatis; 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.

## 6. New Business

- a. There was much discussion of instituting plus/minus grading on the graduate level. Each of the Council members will bring the issue to their college-wide faculty assemblies for discussion. The topic will be brought up again at the next Council meeting.
- b. Currently all petitions require the signature of the student's advisor, department chair and dean or the dean's designee. In some instances the same person serves in all three capacities. The Council agreed that in the future petitions should be signed by at least two different individuals. This will be brought to the Graduate Faculty Assembly for approval.
- c. There was much discussion of the role of the petitions committee. If all three signatories approve the student's petition, should the committee automatically approve it or should it serve as an independent group? It was agreed that it would be helpful to add space for the advisor, department chair and dean to add a justification for their vote of supporting, not supporting or electing to not approve or disapprove on the signature page.
- d. There was a suggestion to reduce the requirement to sit out for an entire year for students who are academically dismissed to one semester. The group thought an entire year was too punitive and seriously affected a student's academic career. The chair will draft a policy change and bring it to the next Council meeting.
- e. There was a recommendation to clarify the policy in the catalog that states "Graduate students placed on academic probation are required to restore their overall grade-point average to 3.0 within 9 additional gross semester hours of

graduate work, including repeated and dropped courses.” The chair will draft language for the Council to vote on at the next meeting.

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I. Announcements

- a. Tracy Hudson, the New Start/ Summer Session Coordinator in the Graduate School
- b. Katie Dykhuis is the Recruitment and Web Liaison and begins September 6.
- c. Tracy Hudson is responsible for building the summer session schedule – all summer information is to be sent directly to Tracy.

2. Enrollment

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Applications:	513	525
Admitted:	346	357
Total enrollment:	926	942 (Aug 30)
Final enrollment:		1144 (with WPDC)

3. Banner information

Admissions process for spring 2011 is in Banner and there is the glitch with admitting students for fall 2010 in SIS and advisors not receiving a complete advisee list that comes out of Banner.