

## Graduate Council Minutes

Friday, November 13, 2009  
208 Thurmond  
2:00 p.m.

Members present: Gale Teaster, Kristi Westover, Andy Doyle, Don Rogers, Wanda Briggs, Mel Horton  
Guests present: Yvonne Murnane, Margaret Williamson

1. The minutes from the October 16, 2009 meeting were approved.
2. The following curriculum changes were approved:
  - College of Arts and Sciences:
    - Modify: ANTH540: Change in course title to reflect main focus of course
      - Old transcript title - Ecological Anthropology
      - New transcript title - Human Ecology
  
    - Modify: WRIT501: Change in course title to reflect terminology change within the discipline
      - Old transcript title – Writing for Electronic Publication
      - New transcript title – Writing for New Media

The following curriculum change requires additional information from the department:

College of Education:

Modify: MAT-ALL program: Drop business/marketing and family and consumer sciences from the areas of certification at the high school level

3. Dean Murnane reported on the activities of the Graduate School office. See attached.
4. Old Business:
  - A. The Council approves giving the Dean of the Graduate School the discretion to accept additional English-language tests for international students' admission. Specifically, the Council approves the following changes to the admission criteria:
    - FROM: All international graduate applicants must present an official TOEFL score of at least 213 on the computer-based and 550 on the paper-based test to the Graduate School.
  
    - TO: All international graduate applicants must present an official TOEFL score of at least 213 on the computer-based and 550 on the paper-based test and the TOEFL iBT score of 79, IELTS 6 (MBA 6.5) or ELS 122 to the Graduate School.
  - B. Wanda Briggs will draft a proposal for the next Council meeting concerning credits accepted towards a second master's degree.
  - C. The Council endorsed the revised mission statement for the Graduate School.

5. New Business:

- A. The Council voted to remove from the admission requirements for international students the submission of a financial and bank statement.
- B. Kristi Westover is seeking recommendations for Graduate Faculty Assembly members to serve on the new university curriculum committee and two tenured faculty members for the budget priorities committee. Nominees will be announced at the February GFA meeting.
- C. The Council asked Dean Murnane to request the Academic Leadership Committee exempt 600 level courses from the standard exam schedule at the discretion of the department chair.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.