

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ON GRADUATE STUDIES

October 21, 2003

The Council on Graduate Studies met at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2003 in the Arcola/Tuscola Room.

Members present: Dean Augustine, Dr. Cheryl Noll, Dr. Shane Miller, Dr. Ruth Hoberman, Dr. Mark Voss-Hubbard, Dr. Eric Hake, Dr. Melanie Burns, Ms. Brianne Bolin

Members absent: Dr. Britto Nathan, Dr. Mary Ellen Varble, Dr. Linda Morford

Staff present: Dr. Mary Herrington-Perry, Ex Officio Member, Mrs. Linda Barter, The Graduate School

### I. Minutes

The October 7, 2003 Minutes were approved as published.

### II. Communications

Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting  
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Council of Teacher Education September 23, 2003 – Questions regarding Items 03-34, 03-35, 03-36 as follows: Council members requested additional information about the proposed option in Elementary/Middle School Mathematics Education.

1. The current title seems to imply that the option leads to certification. As a result, council members wondered whether you would consider changing the name. A suggested alternative was "Mathematics Education for Elementary/Middle Level Teachers."

2. Please clearly distinguish admission requirements from program requirements. ("Two years of teaching experience" is an admission requirement, one that probably needs amplification, something along the lines of "Applicants must possess a valid teaching certificate and have completed two years of teaching experience," perhaps?) In the admission requirements section, Council members also suggested that you consider adding this disclaimer: "Students wishing to teach at the middle school level must have earned the middle level endorsement."

3. Currently, "Basic Education Courses" includes EDF 5535, which is not included on the list here; also, EDF 5520 is now EDP 5300, Psychological Foundations for Educational Practice. Please adjust the list accordingly.

4. Would you consider including MLE 5110 and 5150, two courses that prepare students for the Middle Level endorsement, on the above list of directed electives?

COTE is prepared to take action on the proposal once these issues are addressed.

### III. Executive Actions

None

### IV. Items to be Added to the Agenda

Motion was made by Dr. Voss-Hubbard, seconded by Dr. Hake to add the item listed below to the agenda.

#### **03-39** School of Business MBA Honor Code

Motion was made by Dr. Voss-Hubbard, seconded by Dr. Hoberman to add the item listed below to the agenda.

#### **03-40** Proposed Revision to M.A. Gerontology Program

### V. Items to be Acted On

Dr. Miller answered questions regarding the item listed below. The Council will review at a later date.

#### **03-37** New Course Proposal 5940 SPC

### VI. Items to be Reviewed

Items listed below were unanimously approved by the Council on September 16, 2003. The proposed revision to the Math Education Program was further discussed by Dean Augustine, Dr. Andrew, and Dr. Bruning.

This revision was approved, effective Summer 2004

#### **03-34** Proposed Revision to Math Education Program

This proposal was approved, effective Summer 2004

#### **03-35** New Course Proposal 5410 MAT

**5410 MAT. Introduction to Research in Mathematics Education. (3-0-3)** This course provides experiences in defining problems and in using research techniques to apply, interpret, and evaluate research specific to elementary mathematics education.

This proposal was approved, effective Summer 2004

#### **03-36** New Course Proposal 5810 MAT

**5810 MAT. Topics in Topics in Mathematics for Elementary/Middle School**

**Teachers (Arr.-Arr.-1 to 4)** Topics in mathematics useful in the elementary and/or middle level classroom. Topics include, but are not limited to, algebra, number theory, geometry, graph theory, probability and statistics. This course may be repeated for credit. A maximum of 6 semester hours credit may be counted toward a degree program.

The item listed below was discussed on October 7, 2003. Dean Augustine prepared a summary memo with the Council's suggestions and forwarded it to the Provost for review.

**03-38** Review Summer Term Structure

**VI. Committee Reports**

Enrollment Management: Dr. Voss-Hubbard reported the committee is reviewing a comprehensive data base that would include ACT scores, Class rank, and social/demographic statistics. The Prairie State Achievement Test was discussed and the committee is considering this test to be a requirement on the EIU campus.

GSAC: Dr. Voss-Hubbard reported the committee has elected new officers and discussed Research and Referral Workshops.

Library Advisory Board: No report

Honorary Degree: No report

TEAM Grants Council: No report

Awards Committee: Will meet on Wednesday, October 29 to review the thesis nominations.

**VII. Dean's Report**

Student Dean Named – Traci Reiter, Early Childhood

Graduate School Competitive Awards – Research/Creative Activity – Deadline Friday, November 7, 2003  
Williams Travel Award – Deadline Friday, December 5, 2003

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday, November 4, 2003**  
**Arcola/Tuscola Room**

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