MINUTES
MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
April 20, 2016

The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. in 229 Terrell Hall.

Members present: Kevin Ayres, Nicholas Berente, Mary Caplan, Adrian Childs, William Fitt, Gary Green, Tai Guo, Janette Hill, Caner Kazanci, Jennifer Lindstrom, Scott Merkle, Rebecca Nesbit, Scott Pegan, Beth Preston, Kaori Sakamoto, Welch Suggs, William Whitman, and Hang Yin. Attending from the Graduate School were Dean Suzanne Barbour, Associate Dean Julie Coffield, Deanna Knight, Cheri Bliss, Robin Bingham, and Kristin Lawrence.

Members absent: Elaine Adams, Michael Azain, Peter Brosius, James Carson, William Kisaalita, Michele Lease, Kristen Navara, Lance Palmer, Stephen Ramos, Patricia Reeves, Aaron Thompson, and John Yu.

Dean Suzanne Barbour called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes of the March 23 2016, Graduate Council meeting were approved as posted on the Graduate School website.

Graduate Council Committees Reports and Action Items

A. Program Committee
Chair: Beth Preston, committee member

The committee met on April 13, 2016. Members present were Michael Azain, James Carson, and Beth Preston. Gary Green, Jennifer Lindstrom, and Peter Brosius voted via email. Representing the Graduate School were Julie Coffield, Cheri Bliss, and Kristin Lawrence. The committee recommended approval of the following:

1. At the request of the College of Engineering and Terry College of Business, a proposal to offer a Bachelor of Science Engineering/Master of Business Administration (BSE/MBA) dual degree program. After discussion, the motion passed.

2. At the request of the School of Social Work, a proposal to change the major name for the Masters of Arts and Graduate Certificate program:

   FROM: Nonprofit Organizations

   TO: Nonprofit Management and Leadership

   After discussion, the motion passed.

B. Administrative Committee
Chair: Michele Lease
No report.

C. Admission and Retention Committee
Chair: Michele Lease
The committee met on March 28, 2016, to hear one dismissal appeal. Members present were Michele Lease, Mary Caplan, Scott Merkle, Kaori Sakamoto, and William Whitman. Representing the Graduate School were Suzanne Barbour, Julie Coffield, Cheri Bliss, and Kristin Lawrence. The committee voted to overturn the appeal and reinstated the student.

D. Appointment and Reappointment Committee
Chair: Tai Guo
The chair reported that the committee would be reviewing 15 applications for appointment/reappointment to the Graduate Faculty during the month of May.

E. Curriculum Committee
Chair: Adrian Childs
Since the last meeting of the Council, the committee approved 13 new courses, 2 deletions, and 2 course change applications.

Old Business
No old business.

New Business
No new business.

Information Items
The Graduate School has administratively approved the following proposals:

Name Change from EdS in Adult Education degree program to EdS in Education degree program
Terminate the EdS in Communication Science and Disorders degree program
Terminate the EdS in Early Childhood Education degree program
Terminate the EdS in Language and Literacy Education degree program
Terminate the EdS in Middle Grades Education
Terminate the EdS in Social Studies Education degree program
Terminate the EdS in Special Education degree program
Terminate the EdS in Workforce Education

Dean Barbour thanked the members of the Council for their service during the 2015-16 academic year and members whose term expired at the end of the year were recognized for their service for the past three years.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.