

Graduate Council Minutes

February 8, 2016,

Graduate Council met on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in room #310, Administration Building.

In attendance, Arley Larson, Matt Walker, David Kiene, Jeff Thornsberry, Ajay Bandi, Tiebing Shi.

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:02 by Matt Walker.
2. January 2016 minutes-**Jeff Thornsberry made a motion to approve and was seconded by Arley Larson, the minutes were approved with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.**
3. Graduate Dean's Minute
 - Graduate Assistant and completer survey information, **see attached**
 - We received 29 applications for the Leon F. Miller scholarship which are available through the new Scholarship Manager on MyNorthwest. Dr. Bandi and Dr. Thornsberry have volunteered to review applications with a decision deadline of March 1, 2016.
 - 2 volunteers to review and determine our Graduate Assistant of the Year. The applications are due on February 12th and we will need to determine the winners by March 11th. **Tyler Tapps and Jenny Rytting were chosen by the council to review these nominations.**
4. **Proposal 216-01-10, Jenny Rytting:** The Department of English and Modern Languages would like to replace the GRE requirement for its graduate programs with a writing sample and a statement of intent in order to more accurately evaluate potential students' readiness for graduate work and to potentially increase enrollment. **Jeff Thornsberry made a motion to move and Ajay Bandi seconded the motion. After some discussion, motion was approved with a vote of 5-yes/0-no.**
5. **Proposal 216-62-01, Pradnya Patet:** This proposal is created to request a change in the number of credit hours for course #62-543: Practicum in Early Childhood. More specifically, this proposal requests that the current four credit hours be changed to variable credit (1-4 hours) for this course. The proposal does not change the overall hours for the degree program. **Jeff Thornsberry made a motion to move, seconded by Arley Larson, proposal passed with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.**
6. **Proposal 216-62-03, Shantel Farnan:** This proposal will change the stand alone major in Special Education: Cross Categorical, as this has not been done in that fashion since 2011 and DESE's requirements have changed regarding special education certification with recent compendium changes. In addition, this proposal includes aligning the catalog with current state requirements and clarifying the current major in special education; cross categorical. This major must be completed with the elementary education major (see page 280 of the catalog) and the following special education requirements in order to meet certification requirements for K-12 Special Education. **Arley Larson made a motion and was seconded by Ajay Bandi. Motion to approve passed with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.**

New Adjunct Graduate Faculty-Information only

7. **Christopher Lucas, Spring 2016, 45-546**
The School of Health Science and Wellness recommends the adjunct appointment of Christopher Lucas to teach 45-546, Administration of Recreation in the recreation 2+2 program located at the Northwest Kansas City for the spring 2016 trimester. Currently, Mr. Lucas serves as the Recreation Manager for the City of Liberty. He is also a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP). Mr. Lucas has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Oklahoma State University and a master's degree in Kinesiology from Michigan State University. **He has earned 30 graduate hours.** The department graduate faculty support this recommendation with a vote of 10-yes, 0-no out of 10. Copy of this his transcripts and resume are available in the Graduate Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.