

## Graduate Council

April 13, 2015, Shared Conference Room #253

### Minutes

Graduate council met Monday, April 13, at 4:00 p.m., in the Shared Conference Room (AD 253).

In Attendance: Patricia Drews (Chair), Jeff Thornsberry, Gary MacDonald, Nancy Foley, Arley Larson, Matthew Walker (4:00-4:30), Sue Myllykangas, Linda Sterling, Greg Haddock

Special guest: Terry Coalter, School of Business

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Patty Drews
2. March minutes-**Jeff Thornsberry made a motion to approve the March minutes and was seconded by Matt Walker. Minutes were approved with a vote of 8-yes, 0-no.**
3. Graduate Dean Report
  - Changes in Graduate Council membership for 2015-2016:  
**Term expires at the end of summer 2015:**
    - **Patty Drews**
    - **Nancy Foley**
    - **Tekle Wanorie****Retiring**
    - **Gary McDonald****One year term beginning fall 2015**
    - **Jennifer Rytting****Three year term beginning fall 2015**
    - **David Kiene-Professional Education**
    - **Na Li-Mathematics , Computer Science and Information Systems**
    - **Tiebing Shi, Marketing**
  - Catapult-Launching Bearcats into success –**Terry Coalter from the School of Business explained the premise of a 4 year undergraduate and graduate degree in business. This will be available to a select group of students to complete their undergraduate and graduate hours at 18 per trimester and 9 hours during the summer to meet the 4 year deadline. The Department plans a soft roll-out fall 2015 with approximately 25-27 students. See attachment**
  - Summer and fall 2015 numbers-**See attachment**
4. **\*\*Information Only Proposal #215-44-04**, Nancy Zeliff-addition of this course in the Math/CS/IS Department as a 3-hour course, offered in spring and summer online, and as part of statewide collaboration offerings in Business Education. Career Education is a program in Outreach; however, they no longer will offer 02-510 Coordination on a regular basis. Due to new certification requirements a Coordination course must be offered annually for Northwest's business and marketing education majors/minors**\*\*Electronic vote was taken with a final vote of 7 yes, 0-no and 2 abstain.**
5. **Proposal #215-17-06**, Christine Benson-This proposal will change the prerequisite for entering the Elementary Mathematics Specialist certificate program and related M.S.Ed. Elementary Mathematics program to align with what the other four schools in the EMS collaborative are doing. **Jeff Thornsberry made a motion to approve and was seconded by Arley Larson, motion was approved with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.**

#### **6. Shantel Farnan, Associate Graduate Faculty**

The Department of Professional Education is seeking permission for Mrs. Shantel Farnan to teach all courses offered under the 62 Curriculum and Instruction course code and the 61 Educational Leadership course code. She has been on Professional Education staff for 4 years teaching courses she has previously been approved to teach at the graduate course level.

Mrs. Farnan received her Specialist Degree in Administration from Northwest and is currently working towards her Doctorate with Northwest in conjunction with MU in Columbia.

She was employed prior to NWMSU as the Director of Special Education for the Maryville School District. In her current role at NW, not only does she teach undergrad courses and previously 62652 Psych-Ed Measurements and 62621, Administration of Special Education, she serves as the coordinator for the Special Education program. Ms. Farnan's transcripts and resume are on file at the grad office. The Department of Professional Education approved this recommendation with a vote of 19-yes, 0-no out of 20. **Nancy Foley made a motion to approve and was seconded by Linda Sterling. Motion passed with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.**

#### **7. Mayank Raj, Graduate Faculty**

The Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Information Systems recommend that Mayank Raj be approved as full graduate faculty. Attached is his unofficial transcript from Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, Missouri confirming that Mayank has been awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Computer Science. Previous degrees include a Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Communication Engineering (2005) from Dayananda Sagar College of Engineering, Bangalore, India and Master of Technology in Information Technology (2007) from IIIT-Bangalore, Bangalore, India. Transcripts and vita are available in the Graduate Office. The Department approved this recommendation with a vote of 16-yes, 0-no out of 23. **Tekle Wanorie made a motion to approve and was seconded by Arley, motion passed with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.**

#### **New Adjunct Faculty-Require Action**

##### **8. Paula Brownlee, Spring 2015, 62-555**

Paula received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary education from NW with an emphasis in K-6 Elementary Classroom, K-8 Mildly Disabled, K-8 Behavior Disordered, and K-8 Learning Disabilities. She received her Master of Science in Education from NW with an emphasis in K-8 Instructional Strategist 1: mild/Moderate; K-8 Multi-categorical Special Class with Integration; Special Education Consultant. Paula has also received her Initial Administrative Licensure from Iowa Principal Academy in PK-12 and PK-12 Special Education Supervisor. **She has completed 65+ graduate hours.** Paula currently works as a Special Education Representative and Consultant for Green Hills AEA. Transcripts and vita are available in the Graduate Office. **Nancy Foley made a motion to approve and was seconded by Linda Sterling. Motion passed with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.**

##### **9. Tera Schechinger, Spring 2015, 61-559**

Tera earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics and Education from the University of Tulsa. She also earned her M. Ed. in Technology Education from Lesley University. **Tera has completed 30 graduate hours.** Tera has worked as a mathematics teacher for grades 7-12 and she currently works with Green Hills AEA as a Math Consultant and an Instructional Coach. Transcripts and vita are available in the Graduate Office. **Jeff Thornsberry made a motion to approve and was seconded by Nancy Foley, motion was approved with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.**

**Re-approval Adjunct Faculty-new coursework-action required**

**Dr. Foley made a motion to combine, 10, 11 and 13, motion was seconded by Arley Larson and approved with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.**

**Jeff Thornsberry made a motion to approve 10, 11 and 13 and was seconded by Sue Myllakangas. Motion passed with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.**

**10. Andrea Danker, Spring 2015, 61-559**

Andrea received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Buena Vista University in Elementary Education. Andrea has also received her Master of Science from Buena Vista University in School Counseling. She has completed 51 hours of graduate work. Andrea has served as an elementary classroom teacher and has attended various state trainings to support literacy instruction with elementary teachers. She has also worked as a guidance counselor at AHST Middle School/Secondary School. Andrea is currently an Instructional Services Consultant with Green Hills AEA. Transcripts and vita are available in the Graduate Office.

**11. Debora L. From, Summer 2015, 62-508**

The Professional Education Department is seeking approval for Ms. Debora L. From to teach the web-based course 62-508 Transition/Career Ed for summer 2015. Ms. From is presently serving as P-12 Assistant Principal and Special Education Director at Northeast Nodaway R-V School. Prior to this, Ms. From served as the Director of Area Cooperative for Educational Support. Ms. From has obtained her Educational Specialist Degree for K-12 Principal Ship and Superintendence as well as a BS in Education-Elementary and Learning Disabilities and M.S. Education Special Education from Northwest Missouri State University.

Ms. From has been a frequent presenter to special education classes and professional development activities for all education majors at Northwest. We have tapped her expertise in behavior management especially for students with significant challenging behaviors, her experience with working with P-12 educators at all levels in addressing the learning, and behavioral needs of students in regular education classes. She is highly competent in evidence-based strategies and including students with special needs in regular education. Ms. From has completed 45 hours of graduate work. The department supports this recommendation with a vote of 13-yes, 0-no out of 20 eligible faculty. Transcripts and vita are available in the Graduate Office.

**~~12. Dr. Alicia Kershaw, Spring 2015, 29-553 Recommendation was withdrawn~~**

~~Alicia earned a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Missouri Western State College. She earned her Master of Science in Reading from Northwest Missouri State University. Alicia also earned her Ph.D. in Education from University of Missouri Kansas City. Alicia has worked as an intervention specialist, reading specialist, special services teacher, and adjunct faculty for Park University, and University of Missouri Kansas City. Alicia has a total of 104 graduate hours. Transcripts and vita are available in the Graduate Office.~~

**13. Gena Villegas, Summer 2015, 62-687**

Department of Professional Education is seeking approval of Gena Villegas to teach 62-687 Sociolinguistics for summer 2015. She has previously been approved to teach 62-680, Theories of Lang Acquisition ELL/ESOL during the fall 2014 and 62-682, Linguistics for Teaching ELL/ESOL. Transcripts and vita are available in the Graduate Office. Department support with a vote of 10 yes, 1 abstain out of 21 eligible faculty.

**14. Pam Vogel, Spring 2015, 61-549**

Dr. Vogel received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Iowa in Elementary and Special Education. She has earned her Master of Science in Special Education, Master of Science and Educational Specialist in Educational Administration from Drake University. Dr. Vogel has also earned her Doctorate Degree from Iowa State University in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. **Dr. Vogel has complete 112 graduate hours.** She is currently the Superintendent at East Union Community School District. Transcripts and vita are available in the Graduate Office. **Nancy Foley made a motion to approve and was seconded by Jeff Thornsberry, the motion passed with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no**

**New Adjunct Faculty-Require Action**

**15. Alicia Miguel, Summer 2015, 62-690**

Dr. Miguel completed her undergraduate work in Argentina at the Institute Patagonico del Profesorado de Ingles in 1985, completed her certification coursework at University of Missouri, Kansas City in 1991 followed by her M.A. at the University of Kansas, Lawrence in 1997. Dr. Miguel completed her EdS at Polley Analysis University of Missouri-Columbia and has been employed with the Kansas Public Schools since 2012. She previously taught 62-682, Materials and Assessment for Teaching ELL/ESOL spring 2015, which was offered as a web base course. Dr. Miguel is currently the Director of ESL in the Kansas City KS public Schools. She previously served as the executive director of Language Services in the Kansas City MO school district. Her career also includes numerous teaching positions with Spanish content and foreign language. Department support this recommendation with a vote of 11-yes, 0-no out of 21 eligible faculty. Transcripts and vita are available in the Graduate Office. **Jeff Thornsberry made a motion and was seconded by Nancy Foley. The motion passed with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.**

**16. Kent Yocum, Summer 2015, 62-686**

Department of Professional Education is seeking approval of Mr. Kent Yocum to teach 62-686, ELL Practicum for summer 2015. Mr. Yocum is currently the Teaching and Learning Coach for North Kansas City School District as well as co-leading the pilot for the extended summer program for ELL. He is currently the K-5 ELL in this district. Mr. Yocum previously taught at Los Angeles Unified School District and Ingelwood Unified School District as a teacher and a K-5 Coordinator. He also was the High School Assistant Language teacher teaching English as a second language at the Kochi Prefectural Board of Education in Kochi, Japan. Ed.D. in Interdisciplinary Leadership-anticipated 2015 from Creighton University, Omaha, NE. M.S. in Educational Administration (8/2005) and M.Ed. in Cross Cultural Education (10/2001) from National University, Los Angeles, CA. Mr. Yocum also completed his B.A. in Political Science in 1992 at the University of Missouri, Columbia. **Mr. Yocum has completed a total of 101 graduate hours.** Transcripts and vita are available in the Graduate Office. Department support with a vote of 10 yes, 1 abstain out of 21 eligible faculty. **Jeff Thornsberry made a motion and was seconded by Nancy Foley. The motion passed with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.**