

Meeting Minutes

Graduate Studies Executive Committee
Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 3:00pm
Provost's Conference Room, Derryberry Hall, Room 200

Members Present

Dr. Julie C. Baker—Executive Officer
Dr. Alice Camuti—Ex-Officio
Dr. Chris Brown
for Dr. Dan Combs
Dr. William Eberle
Dr. Mike Gotcher
Dr. Steve Isbell
Dr. Andrew Donadio for
Dr. Barbara Jared
Dr. Hayden Mattingly
Ms. Sharon Holderman
Dr. Allan Mills
Dr. Christy Killman
For Dr. Michael Phillips
Dr. Julie Pharr
Dr. Darron Smith
Dr. Jeremy Wendt
Dr. Lisa Zagumny

Members Absent

Dr. Joseph Slater
Dr. John Zhu
Ms. Rachel Craighead
Mr. Tymothy Brandel
Mr. Yixing Wang
Mr. Eli Anderson
Ms. Michele Niec
Dr. Thomas Payne
Dr. Alfred Kalyanapu
Dr. Michael Burdick—Chair
Dr. Dan Combs
Dr. Kimberly Hanna
Dr. Samantha Hutson
Dr. Tony Michael
Dr. Bedelia Russell (non-voting)

Other Attendees

Karen Warren
Lucinda Morabito
Stephanie Flores
Dr. Melinda Anderson
Dr. Dennis Tennant
Dr. Richard Rand

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1. Approval of the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda: Dr. Lisa Zagumny

Seconded by: Dr. Mike Gotcher

Comments/Amendments: none

The Committee voted and the motion was: Approved by: **All** Opposed by: None

2. Approval of the minutes from the April 2, 2024 meeting. pg. 3

Motion to approve the minutes: Dr. Lisa Zagumny

Seconded by: Dr. Darron Smith

Comments/Amendments: none

*Note from Dr. Camuti, all items will be for the 2025-2026 catalog.

The Committee voted and the motion was: Approved by: **All** Opposed by: None

3. Proposal from the College of Business: **Spring 2025** Course Edit Acct 6231 from Professional Certification 1-BEC to Professional Certification 1-Discipline Exam. pg. 9

Motion to approve the proposal: Dr. Lisa Zagumny

Seconded by: Dr. Darron Smith

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Richard Rand presented. The CPA exam changed in January, the BEC portion changed to discipline focus. Allows for an area of concentration in test. This will be a 1hr course.

The Committee voted and the motion was: Approved by: **All** Opposed by: None

4. Proposal from the College of Interdisciplinary Studies, School of Professional Studies:
Fall ~~2024~~ 2025 Program Edit, Additional course option added to the program of study that include COMM 5601/5602/5603 and PRST/COMM 6120, PRST/COMM 6960/6970.6980/6990 for Corporate Communication and Media and Strategic Communication concentrations. pg. 11

Motion to approve the proposal: Dr. Lisa Zagumny

Seconded by: Dr. Darron Smith

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Gotcher presented. The program of study is being updated to reflect additional course options to reduce the need of substitutions. TNeCampus has mostly gone away so they needed additional university options within PRST and COMM courses.

The Committee voted and the motion was: Approved by: **All** Opposed by: None

5. Proposal from the College of Interdisciplinary Studies, School of Professional Studies:
Fall ~~2024~~ 2025 Course Edits and Additions.
- a. Course Edits: PRST6998 Professional Project (addition to the catalog with a statement about repeats) pg. 14
 - b. Course Additions: PRST/COMM6120 Managing Communication; PRST6590 Fraud, Waste & Abuse in Healthcare Administration; PRST6755 Surviving an Active Shooter; PRST6915 Earning and Managing External Funds for Community Research Development; PRST6925 Navigating the Future of Work: Remote Work Strategies and Beyond; PRST/COMM6960 Communication Behavior Analysis and Insights; PRST/COMM6970 Media Theory and Effects; PRST/COMM6980 Strategic Communications; PRST/COMM6990 Design Strategies and Promotions.

Motion to approve the proposal: Dr. Lisa Zagumny

Seconded by: Dr. Darron Smith

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Gotcher presented. The courses are the additional options needed to limit substitutions. The second agenda item may happen in the event the student is completing more than one MPS degree, PRST 6998 needs to be allowed to

be taken multiple times because it will apply to multiple degrees. It would be taken once per degree.

The Committee voted and the motion was: Approved by: **All** Opposed by: None

6. Proposal from the College of Agriculture and Human Ecology, School of Human Ecology:
Fall 2025, New Program and Courses.

- a. Course Additions: HEC 5500 Foundations of Child Life; HEC 5510 Advanced Child & Adolescent Development; HEC 6515 Research in Child Life; HEC 6535 Adult Development & Psychosocial Care; HEC 6520 Families in Healthcare; HEC 6565 Intro to Child Life Clinical Experience; HEC 6570 Child Life Pre-Internship Experiential Learning; HEC 6500 Child Life Assessment; HEC 6510 Play: Theory and Practice; HEC 6525 Trauma Informed Care for Helping Professions; HEC 6530 Loss, Grief, & Bereavement; HEC 6540 Child Life Intervention; HEC 6550 Professional Topics and Ethical Practice HEC 6575 Child Life Clinical Experience. pg. 78
- b. Program Addition: MS in Child Life ~~and Psychosocial Care~~. pg. 82 ***AC**

Motion to approve the proposal: Dr. Lisa Zagumny

Seconded by: Dr. Darron Smith

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Anderson presented. Human Ecology is requesting a new online program. On the proposal, the MS included Psychosocial in the title, but that has been dropped since the original proposal. It will be a 36-credit hour degree with an option to add experiential learning for an additional 7 credit hours (total of 43 credit hours). In previous years they learned the undergraduate students are getting overlooked during internships because they did not have a master's degree. This higher degree will make them more competitive for internships and workplace. The new program requires new courses to be added. Dr. Gotcher asked if they could earn a degree and exit at 36 credit hours. Yes. Dr. Payne asked if course 6570 is it a practicum to get ready for internship and if they are already employed, they don't need to do an internship? Yes, to both. Dr. Smith added, the undergraduate program will slowly be phased out. Dr. Anderson stated that those in the UG program will be able to complete it at the undergraduate level.

The Committee voted and the motion was: Approved by: **All** Opposed by: None

7. Proposal from College of Interdisciplinary Studies, School of Environmental Studies:
Fall ~~2024~~ 2025, Course Additions and Edits. pg. 263

- a. Course Additions: ESS6200 Fundamentals of Environmental Spatial Analysis; ESS6300 Remote Sensing and Field Applications of GIS; ESS6800 Professional Development; ESS6900 Professional Internship; ESS6990 Research and Thesis.
- b. Create Cross listings for ESS4100/5100 National Parks and Protected Public Land; ESS4110/5110 Human Dimensions of Natural Resources; ESS4091/5091 Special Topic; ESS4092/5092 Special Topic; ESS4093/5093 Special Topic.
- c. Course Edit: ESS6910 Internship from Capstone Internship, update description.

Motion to approve the proposal: Dr. Lisa Zagumny

Seconded by: Dr. Darron Smith

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Mattingly presented. ESS6200 and ESS6300 were special topics classes, giving them permanent numbers. ESS6800, the 7800 instructor saw a need for the course on the Master's level. ESS6900 is to accompany thesis, allows for internship only. ESS6990 is to prepare for thesis. ESS6910 is for non-thesis students. School is working on new concentration and are starting courses for a nonthesis option but working on a thesis version on concentration. Dr. Eberle confirmed that the start date will be 2025 (next catalog year).

The Committee voted and the motion was: Approved by: **All** Opposed by: None

- 8. Proposal from Whitson-Hester School of Nursing: ~~Fall 2024~~ 2025, Revision of Pre- and Co-requisites for NURS6301 Nursing Administration 1; NURS6302 Nursing Administration 2; NURS6303 Health Care Finance; NURS6304 Human Res Management; NURS6307 Nursing Management Practicum. pg. 286

Motion to approve the proposal: Dr. Lisa Zagumny

Seconded by: Dr. Darron Smith

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Donadio presented. School of Nursing requesting clarification of prerequisites to ensure catalog is correct and current.

The Committee voted and the motion was: Approved by: **All** Opposed by: None

- 9. Informational Items

Dr. Gotcher asked about graduate enrollment. Dr. Baker stated that we have received 1204 applications, an increase of over 300 from last year. Admits and enrollments have also increased, overall average of 100 more students enrolled. She encouraged deans and departments to keep reviewing. Dr. Payne thanked Graduate Studies- for teaching about Slate. Dr. Camuti shared that we also have an online orientation this year and it is

going well. Dr. Baker is working to establish a GA bin/folder in Slate to keep the information accessible and organized.

10. Other Matters

Dr. Eberle asked for a healthcare update. Dr. Baker stated that there is still not movement, there is just no money for it. Dr. Camuti stated that most schools do not offer it. Dr. Eberle stated that it would be great for all graduate students but is there money enough for a select group, such as GA's. Dr. Baker stated that the proposal was for 342 GA's was \$600,000. It was countered with narrowing the group even more to doctoral GA's. Dr. Camuti stated that students to have access to TBR but that is more for a catastrophe. Dr. Baker asked if a committee would like to meet again and submit a new proposal. Dr. Camuti offered to assist.

11. Adjourn

Motion to approve the proposal: Dr. Lisa Zagumny

Seconded by: Dr. Darron Smith

Comments/Amendments: none

The Committee voted and the motion was: Approved by: **All** Opposed by: None

***AC** – Denotes an item that will need Academic Council and possibly other approvals.

GSEC Meeting Minutes prepared by S. Flores and approved by Dr. A. Camuti on July 29, 2024.
