

MINUTES
Graduate Studies Executive Committee
Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
Provost’s Conference Room, Derryberry Hall, Room 200
and virtually through Teams
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Members Present

Dr. Burduck – Chair	Dr. Samantha Hutson	Ms. Hannah Willis
Ms. Taylor Anderson	Dr. Steve Isbell	Dr. Ashley Akenson (for Dr. Zagumny)
Dr. Alice Camuti	Dr. Hayden Mattingly	Dr. John Zhu
Dr. Dan Combs	Dr. Allan Mills	Dr. Mark Stephens – Executive Officer
Dr. William Eberle	Dr. Thomas Payne	
Dr. Mike Gotcher	Dr. Richard Rand (for Dr. Pharr)	
Dr. Kimberly Hanna	Dr. Bedelia Russell (non-voting)	
Dr. Sharon Holderman (non-voting)	Dr. Jeremy Wendt	

Members Absent

Ms. Ciera Farris	Dr. Tony Michael	Dr. Michael Phillips
Ms. Madison Harris	Dr. Joseph Ojo	Dr. Darron Smith
Dr. Barbara Jared		

Other Attendees

1. Approval of the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda: Dr. Isbell

Seconded by: Dr. Mills

Comments/Amendments: None.

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

2. Approval of the minutes from the April 5, 2022 meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes: Dr. Payne

Seconded by: Dr. Mills

Comments/Amendments: None.

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

Items 3 – 6 combined.

Motion to approve: Ms. Anderson

Seconded by: Dr. Isbell

3. Request from the Department of Accounting to change prerequisites for ACCT 6210.
4. Request from the Department of Accounting to change prerequisites for ACCT 6220.
5. Request from the Department of Accounting to change prerequisites for ACCT 6260.
6. Request from the Department of Accounting to change prerequisites for ACCT 6270.

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Payne stated the courses are tax courses and the courses are sequences. Dr. Payne stated there are residential weekends for professional development and preparation for the CPA. Dr. Rand stated the prerequisite addition of ACCT 6281 or consent of the instructor allows instructors to make sure that students have the background knowledge and experience to be in the courses.

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

7. Request from the Whitson-Hester School of Nursing to change the Residency Hours Requirement for the MSN Family Nurse Practitioner concentration.

Motion to approve: Ms. Anderson

Seconded by: Dr. Gotcher

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Hanna stated the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) concentration is an online Master of Science program with two residency experiences. Additional hands on experiences are preferred by students and instructors. The additional learning opportunities will take place in NURS 6615 and NURS 6616 with each having a one day on-campus residency requirement. This change will take place for students admitted spring 2023 and their clinical experience will be in 2024.

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

8. Request from the School of Environmental Studies for a course change and curricular changes for the PSM-Environmental Informatics program.

Motion to approve: Ms. Anderson

Seconded by: Dr. Payne

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Mattingly stated ESS 6520 needs to be changed to meet the needs of students. ESS 6520 – GIS Project Development and Management is not taught because there was not interest in the course. Changing the course to ESS 6520 – Environmental Informatics Python Applications and Machine Learning allows students to gain more statistics and analytical experiences.

Dr. Mattingly stated a lot of substitutions are being processed for students so the curriculum needs to be updated. The business requirement is going from 12 hours to 9 hours. The elective is increasing to 6 hours which allows for greater flexibility.

Dr. Eberle asked why not pick a new course number for ESS 6520 since the content is changing. Dr. Mattingly stated ESS 6520 was never taught and it was designed as an elective. Students need the Python Applications.

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

9. Informational Items: None.

10. Other Matters: None.

11. Adjourn

Motion to approve: Dr. Rand

Seconded by: Ms. Gotcher

Comments/Amendments: None.

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

Submitted by:

College of Graduate Studies