

School of Graduate Studies

Graduate Council Minutes

November 17, 2016

Dempster Hall 102

Members: Present: Gathman, presiding; Bertrand, Fonseca, Garner, Gause, Glackin, Gray, Grueneberg, Heischmidt, McFerron, Powell, Schmidt, Sides, M. Timlin, Walling, and Wang.

Guests: Provost Karl Kunkel, Daryl Fridley, Julie Ray

1. **Excellence in Research Award:** The Excellence in Research Award was presented to Brett J. Kazandjian.
2. **Message from Provost Kunkel:** Provost Kunkel addressed the council regarding the Graduate Dean evaluation. Kunkel explained the Graduate Council would represent the College Council in this process. A review instrument was distributed to council members. The council was given one month to provide feedback and add up to five additional questions. Kunkel stated the actual review would be done near the beginning of the spring semester. Gray asked about the Graduate Dean description of responsibilities/role for clarification of review instrument questions. Kunkel will distribute to the council.
3. **Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from October 20, 2016 was made by Gause/Schmidt. Minutes were then approved by the council.
4. **Reports:**
 - a. **Interim Dean's Report:** Gathman expressed concern regarding items with significant errors being approved by college councils and forwarded for Graduate Council review. Gathman explained the college councils should provide in-depth review and work with proposers, as necessary, to resolve significant errors prior to submission for Graduate Council review. Gathman asked all members to share this concern with their college council members.
 - b. **Curriculum Committee:** No report
 - c. **Academic Standards:** No report
 - d. **Assessment Committee:** No report
5. **Action Items:**
 - a. **Master of Arts in Teaching: Middle and Secondary Education (New Program Proposal)**

Dr. Daryl Fridley was present to discuss this new program for Middle and Secondary Education. The program focuses on STEM areas to address the area need for STEM educators and is the only online opportunity in Missouri. Interim Dean Gathman asked about alternative certification being dropped with the new DESE guidelines. Fridley stated the new program is structured to be more rigorous than alternative certification. Gathman pointed out the "Placement Rate" chart is actually expected jobs rather than placement rate.

Fridley agreed to clarify and revise prior to resubmission to the Interim Dean of Graduate Studies. Dean Glackin stated the program has undergone a successful review related to library materials and support. McFerron asked about probationary admission. Dr. Fridley explained an academic background is necessary for program entry.

A motion to approve the new program, with specified revision(s), was made by Bertrand/Gause. The council then moved for approval.

**b. Special Reading Licensure Program
(New Program Proposal)**

Dr. Julie Ray was present to discuss this new program for Elementary, Early and Special Education. Southeast has been offering the courses included in this program. Ray stated the bulk of these courses are bundled in the MA Elementary Education. Dr. Ray explained the program creates a more effective way to track completion of these requirements vs. the current certificate, and since all courses are already offered, creates no real budgeting impact. Ray stated she has contacted Dean Glackin regarding a library materials and support review of the program. Dr. Gathman pointed out the “Placement Rate” chart reflects expected jobs rather than a placement rate. Ray agreed to clarify and revise prior to resubmission to the Interim Dean of Graduate Studies.

A motion to approve the new program, with specified revision(s), was made by Gause/Bertrand. The council then moved for approval.

**c. College of Education
(New Course Additions)**

SE612 Responsive Literacy Interventions for Middle and High School Students with Academic Challenges

SE650 Introduction to Teaching Methods in Middle and Secondary Schools

SE651 Introduction Practicum I in Middle and Secondary Schools

SE652 Intermediate Methods of Teaching in Middle Schools

SE653 Intermediate Methods of Teaching in Secondary Schools

SE654 Advanced Methods of Teaching in Middle and Secondary Schools

SE655 Techniques of Teaching STEM Content

SE660 Intermediate Practicum II in Middle and Secondary Schools

SE670 Internship in Middle and Secondary Schools

Dr. Fridley was present to discuss the course additions for Middle and Secondary Education and pointed out these courses will support the proposed MA in Teaching. Fridley explained that SE612 is focused on reading deficiencies, SE650 – SE654 develop competencies in a stair step concept, SE655 combines STEM content to showcase the overlap of STEM areas. Dean Glackin asked about consistency issues in syllabi wording for SE651, SE660, SE655, and SE670 related to alignment with state. Glackin also pointed out the syllabus for SE670 is missing the “if you have a problem with this course” information and the syllabus for SE655 incorrectly includes this information in “Accessibility,” rather than standing alone. Fridley stated these points would be revised prior to resubmission to the Interim Dean of Graduate Studies.

A motion to approve the course additions for Middle and Secondary Education en masse, with specified revision(s), was made by Gause/Heischmidt. The council then moved for approval.

6. Informational Items:

a. College of Education

SE600 – Former core course Master of Arts in Secondary Ed/Ed Studies/Art - made elective
SE602 Effective Literacy Instruction at Middle and Secondary Levels – Updated Standards

Dr. Gathman briefly reviewed the presented informational items.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Graduate Council Meeting:

Thursday, January 26, 2017

8:30-10:00 a.m.

UC Indian Room
