MINUTES
Graduate Council
October 17, 2013

Present: Ex officio: M. Baloga, M. Gallo (Chair)


Guests: A. Becker, L. Fox, E. Kalajian, R. Sippel

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

1) MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2013 GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

Unanimously Approved

The minutes of the September 19, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Dr. Richardson and a second by Dr. Maul.

2) DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Dr. Rosemary Layne

Dr. Layne reported an update regarding the School of Behavior Analysis’ request to add new course BEH 5249 Pre-practical Field Training in Applied Behavior Analysis (reviewed and tabled at the September meeting). The course creator, Dr. Chong, has asked for her proposal to be placed on the Agenda for the November meeting of Graduate Council.

Dr. Layne reported that the Department of Biological Sciences request to add new course BIO 5413 Applied Geographic Information Systems for Biological Research was circulated electronically for consideration by Council Members. Because Dr. Maul requested Graduate Council review, the proposed course was placed on today’s agenda.

3) NEW MAJOR AND ADDING A NEW COURSE TO THE CURRICULUM – Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) and New Course MGT 6999 Dissertation

Both Requests Unanimously Approved

Request to approve proposed Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) degree program. Includes new course: MGT 6999 Dissertation.

Dr. Gallo advised that the ESD has requested to withdraw the Virtual Site as an offering for the DBA Program. The program would be offered in-resident at the Redstone
Arsenal Site. Dr. Layne reviewed several modifications that were made to the proposed MGT 6999 course form to reflect current dissertation course format.

Dr. Richardson elaborated that the proposed DBA cohort program is modeled after an existing doctoral program at Case Western Reserve University which offers a 3-year lockstep structure for working professionals. Dr. Richardson stressed that the proposed program will adhere to current graduate policy for PhD students. He also assured council members that resources are in place to hire qualified faculty members to teach courses and supervise research in the proposed program. Dr. Becker added that this degree is targeted to measure breadth of knowledge through applied research in contrast to that of theoretical research in a PhD program. She also noted that this program is targeted to an adult population looking for career advancement and making a contribution to business practice.

The request to approve new course: MGT 6999 Dissertation was unanimously approved on a motion by Dr. Maul and a second by Dr. Perlman.

The request to approve the proposed Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) degree program was unanimously approved, including one abstention, on a motion by Dr. Maul and a second by Dr. Cusick.

4) GRADUATE FACULTY APPOINTMENTS – KROIS, Paul; BURIAN, Barbara; CHANDRA, Divya; and KOLSKI, Christophe

All Unanimously Approved at Masters Level

Request is made by Human-Centered Design Institute to appoint Dr. Paul Krois, Dr. Barbara Burian, Dr. Divya Chandra, and Dr. Christophe Kolski to the Doctoral level of Graduate Faculty. Dr. Kalajian was in support of approving at the Masters level, as has been the Graduate Council precedent for other-than-full-time faculty nominees.

Dr. Gallo suggested amending that council members vote en bloc, instead of voting on each candidate separately. The motion to vote en bloc was made by Dr. Jennings and seconded by Dr. Maul.

The request made by the Human-Centered Design Institute to appoint Dr. Paul Krois, Dr. Barbara Burian, Dr. Divya Chandra, and Dr. Christophe Kolski to the Masters level of Graduate Faculty was unanimously approved.

5) ADDING A NEW COURSE TO THE CURRICULUM – BIO 5413 Applied Geographic Information Systems for Biological Research

Approved

Request is made by the Department of Biological Sciences to add a new three credit hour course BIO 5413 Applied Geographic Information Systems for Biological Research.
Dr. Carroll explained that this course is bi-level and its counterpart undergraduate course, BIO 4413, has been approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. It is intended that undergraduate and graduate students will take their respective courses together in one classroom at different levels. He assured council members that graduate and undergraduate students will have different workloads and course expectations as indicated in the preliminary syllabus.

In response to questions about the similarity of this course to existing courses, Dr. Carroll noted that this course has biological components that the other courses do not have. He also said that students will be encouraged to take existing complimentary courses such as ENS 4010.

On a motion by Dr. Richardson and a second by Dr. Carroll, the request made by Department of Biological Sciences to add a new three credit hour course BIO 5413 Applied Geographic Information Systems for Biological Research was approved with a vote of 12 in favor and three opposed.

6) **REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR**

Dr. Gallo advised fellow council members that the next meeting, November 21st, will be the last meeting of the Fall 2013 semester. He reminded them to be mindful of submitting their materials in a timely fashion to ensure placement on the November agenda.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2013.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Rosemary G. Layne, Ed.D.
Director of Graduate Programs