

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 5, 2012 MINUTES**  
**Zarrow Hall, J.J. Rhyne Community Room**

**AMENDED**

All actions taken by the Graduate Council will have a twenty-one (21) day faculty protest period except for new courses, course changes and petitions which will be considered approved by the Graduate Faculty if no written protest is received in the Graduate College within seven (7) days.

**Present:** Lee Williams, William Ray (via videolink), Janis Paul, Sally Beach, Anthony Cricchio, Brian Fiedler, Joseph Havlicek, Michael Kent, Nina Livesey, James Maner, Vassilios Sikavitsas, Paul Spicer, Irvin Wagner, Barry Weaver.

**Absent:** Dan Cottom, Priscilla Griffith, Phillip Gutierrez, Robert Lipe.

**Guests:** Jeffrey Bishop, David Moxley, Margaret Phillips.

**Description of General Business**

- The minutes from June 5, 2012 were approved.

**Program Modifications**

- The **Educational Administration, Curriculum, and Supervision M.Ed.** program modification was approved. The change was necessary to correct the required Education & the Law course number from EACS 5243 to EACS 5263.
- The **Educational Administration, Curriculum, and Supervision Ph.D.** program modification was approved. The research methods requirements were adjusted in order to allow greater flexibility and enable students to take advantage of a larger array of qualitative courses offerings, and to take two course sequences as available. The required additional research methods course (qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods) will allow students to acquire greater methodological preparation.
- The **Electrical and Computer Engineering M.S.** program modification was approved. The modification included changes to a number of outdated program requirements in order to make the program current and support the academic needs of students wishing to specialize in technical areas. The Electrical Energy Production and Risk Management area of concentration was deleted, as there are currently no students enrolled in it and the academic need for this concentration is currently fully accommodated under the standard concentration. The Industrial Internship area of concentration was deleted, as the faculty who wanted this concentration have left the university, no student ever enrolled in it, and the last CDRP report recommended its deletion.
- The **Electrical and Computer Engineering Ph.D.** program modification was approved. The modification included changes to a number of outdated program requirements in order to make the program current and support the academic needs of students wishing to specialize in technical areas, added a new research course for pre-dissertation research, reduced dissertation hours, removed formal publication requirements, and amended the exam structure.
- The **Industrial Engineering Ph.D.** program modification was approved. The modification included changing the program name from Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial Engineering to Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial and Systems Engineering and changing the required

core from 12 hours that students choose from a set of selected courses to three specific required core courses (I E 5013, 5023, 5033). The school has recently made a strategic decision to bring a systems-based perspective and knowledge into the IE program. The school name has changed to Industrial and Systems Engineering. Consequently, the programs are being modified to provide a relevant core.

- The **Geophysics Ph.D.** program modification was approved. There has been difficulty in guaranteeing that specific required “core courses” can be taught, so the list has been updated to guarantee that certain courses will be offered and are covered by current faculty.

### **Discussion Items**

- Dean Paul discussed subcommittee placement for the coming year. Subcommittees will soon be notified of their assignments.
- The “Tools of Research” item was tabled for a future meeting.
- The “Dissertations that are collections of papers and articulated when the student is quite ‘down the line’ from the first author” item was tabled for a future meeting.
- Dean Williams briefly discussed the time-to-degree report, compiled by the Graduate College, which will be sent to the Graduate Council shortly.
- Dean Williams gave a briefing on the academic appeal. Following discussion, the council voted unanimously to deny the appeal.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

- No subcommittee reports given this month.

### **Course Changes**

The following course changes and proposals have been unanimously approved by the Graduate Council and will be forwarded to the Academic Programs Council for further approval after the seven (7) day protest period. Only brief information regarding approved changes follows; however, original course change proposals will be on file in the Graduate College through the seven-day protest period if you have questions or concerns about any of the following. Please contact the Graduate Council Secretary, Stephanie Powers, at 325-4706 if you wish to review any of these materials.

ECE 5313. Change title; change prerequisite; change description.

ENT 5962. Course addition.

LING 5053. Change prerequisite; add slash- and crosslisting.

LIS 5523. Change title; change description; add slashlisting.

MATH 5123. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 2, 2012.

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