

Meeting Minutes

Graduate Studies Executive Committee

Tuesday, October 1, 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. Michael Burdick—Chair
Dr. Dan Combs
Dr. Allen McKenzie
 For Dr. William Eberle
Dr. Dennis Tennant
 For Dr. Mike Gotcher
Dr. Rachel Hall
Dr. Samantha Hutson
Dr. Barbara Jared
Dr. Alfred Kalyanapu
Dr. Hayden Mattingly
Dr. Allan Mills
Dr. Thomas Payne
Dr. Michael Phillips
Dr. Julie Pharr
Dr. Bedelia Russell (non-voting)
Dr. Darron Smith
Dr. Jeremy Wendt
Dr. Lisa Zagumny
McKenna Stevens
Kelsey Rainey
Braxton Westbrook

Members Absent

Dr. Joseph Slater
Dr. John Zhu
Ms. Sharon Holderman
Dr. Steve Isbell
Dr. Tony Michael

Other Attendees

Karen Warren
Lucinda Morabito
Stephanie Flores

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1. Approval of the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda: Dr. Lisa Zagumny

Seconded by: Dr. Darron Smith and Braxton Westbrook

Comments/Amendments: None

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

2. Approval of the minutes from the September 3, 2024 meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes: Dr. Lisa Zagumny

Seconded by: Braxton Westbrook

Comments/Amendments: None

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

3. Proposal from the College of Agriculture and Human Ecology, School of Human Ecology for the following changes and additions effective Fall 2025:
 - a. Edit the Community Health and Nutrition program by adding an option to the degree only pathway; Change the experiential learning pathway practicum plan and replace course PRST6540 with HEC6640.
 - b. Add courses HEC6640 Review of Nutrition and Dietetics and HEC5100 Cultural Competence for Professionals.
 - c. Edit the course title of HEC5025 from Cultural Issues Influencing Health to Cultural Practices Influencing Health

Motion to approve the proposal: Dr. Darron Smith

Seconded by: Dr. Lisa Zagumny and Braxton Westbrook

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Samantha Hutson presented. Note that the program did have to change the course number for HEC6640 (from HEC6540) because of a number conflict. HEC6640 will be offered in the students' last term to better prepare them for their exams. Course additions will support the new Child Life program. HEC 5100 is currently offered at the 3000 level and the program wants to bring the course up to the graduate level to support the new program. The name change for HEC 5025 (from Cultural Issues Influencing Health to Cultural Practices Influencing Health) will better represent what is being covered in the course. For the Community Health and Nutrition program changes, the first change on the POS is providing another course option (HEC6640) to the degree-only pathway; degree-only students typically already have their credentials. For the experiential pathway, courses will be shifted around because having two practicum courses in the summer can be a heavy burden. Spreading out the practicums throughout the program. A course is also being replaced in the program of study. The credits are the same.

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

4. Proposal from the College of Arts & Sciences, Department of History to add the following new courses effective Fall 2025:
 - a. HIST 5881-5889 Studies in Legal History (existing course series 4881-4889)
 - b. HIST 5900-5909 Topics (existing course series 4900-4909)

Motion to approve the proposal: Dr. Lisa Zagumny

Seconded by: Dr. Darron Smith

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Mills presented. These courses already exist at the 4000-level and the department would like to add them at the 5000-level because of student requests. Dr. Burdick asked about the demand. Dr. Mills stated that it was only a few.

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

5. Informational Items- English program credit hour change clarification from March GSEC:
Dr. Camuti clarified for the record that, though not highlighted, the changes to the Literature and Professional and Technical concentrations in English proposed in March did include a degree credit hour change from 33 to 30 hours. (PTC removed Thesis option and Non-thesis changed to 30hrs. Literature Non-thesis only changed 30 hrs.)
6. Other Matters- Dr. Kalyanapu asked about the course syllabi requirements. Dr. Russell stated that there are templates available from the University to assist faculty in meeting the policy requirements.
7. Adjourn

Motion to approve: Dr. Lisa Zagumny

Seconded by: Dr. Darron Smith and Braxton Westbrook

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 October 9, 2024
