

MINUTES
Graduate Studies Executive Committee
Tuesday, March 1, 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. Barbara Jared	Dr. Michael Phillips
Ms. Taylor Anderson	Dr. Hayden Mattingly	Dr. Darron Smith
Dr. Alice Camuti	Dr. Tony Michael	Dr. Jeremy Wendt
Dr. Dan Combs	Dr. Allan Mills	Ms. Hannah Willis
Dr. William Eberle	Ms. Kate Nicewicz	Dr. Lisa Zagumny
Dr. Mike Gotcher	Dr. Joseph Ojo	Dr. Mark Stephens – Executive Officer
Dr. Kimberly Hanna	Dr. Thomas Payne	
Dr. Samantha Hutson	Dr. Julie Pharr	

Members Absent

Ms. Ciera Farris	Dr. Sharon Holderman (non-voting)	Dr. Bedelia Russell (non-voting)
Ms. Madison Harris	Dr. Steve Isbell	Dr. John Zhu

Other Attendees

Dr. Ashley Akenson	Dr. Paulina Bounds	Dr. Linda Null
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1. Approval of the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda: Dr. Wendt

Seconded by: Dr. Michael

Comments/Amendments: None.

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

2. Approval of the minutes from the February 1, 2022 meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes: Dr. Wendt

Seconded by: Dr. Gotcher

Comments/Amendments: None.

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

3. Request from the Department of English to change admission requirements.

Motion to approve: Dr. Wendt

Seconded by: Dr. Gotcher

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Bounds stated the English Department wants to eliminate the GRE and replace it with a statement of purpose. The catalog language needs to be updated to reflect this change and the language needs to clarify what is meant by ENGL. The scoring needs to be updated to reflect the deletion of the GRE. Dr. Bounds stated the goal is to have better tools to assess candidates.

Dr. Burdick asked what is meant by the justification of “a more meaningful way to evaluate candidates.” Dr. Bounds stated the GRE only shows certain qualities of candidates. The statement of purpose allows students to showcase their life goals and what can be taken from the program.

Dr. Ojo asked if the GRE is required by the state. Dr. Camuti stated that the state does not require the GRE. The decision is up to each college and university.

Dr. Stephens stated a lot of schools are dropping the GRE as a requirement. Dr. Eberle asked what is the rationale. Dr. Stephens stated that the GRE is a barrier and not as good as a predictor as other criteria.

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

4. Request from the Department of Computer Science to update course name and prerequisites for CSC 5575.

Motion to approve: Dr. Wendt

Seconded by: Dr. Michael

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Eberle stated the name of CSC 5575 needs to be updated to Cryptography and Network Security to reflect the content of the course. The prerequisites also need to be updated to match the undergrad level.

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

5. Request from the College of Engineering to remove the requirement of 6 credit hours of 7000 level courses for a PhD in Engineering.

Motion to approve: Dr. Wendt

Seconded by: Dr. Payne

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Eberle stated PhD students are required six hours at the 7000 level. Dr. Eberle stated the 7000 level requirement of six hours needs to be removed. Some departments have trouble fulfilling this requirement because there are not enough students to enroll in a 7000 level course.

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

6. Request from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction to add courses – CUED 6780, CUED 6875, ECED 6230, and ECSP 6250.

Motion to approve: Dr. Wendt

Seconded by: Dr. Eberle

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Wendt stated the new courses are licensure based. Dr. Wendt stated some of the new courses were previously taught as special topics courses.

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

7. Request from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction to change the degree requirements for the Master's in Curriculum and Instruction, Early Childhood Education concentration.

Motion to approve: Dr. Wendt

Seconded by: Dr. Eberle

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Wendt stated the changes are licensure driven updates. Dr. Eberle asked if it is a set curriculum. Dr. Wendt stated yes and no because the curriculum gets adjusted based on a student's background.

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

8. Request from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction for a new program – PhD in Higher Education.

Motion to approve: Dr. Wendt

Seconded by: Dr. Eberle

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Wendt stated while strategic planning a gap was found and there are few PhDs in higher education. Dr. Wendt stated it will be one of the only online programs in the state for higher education and that it not only targets Tech employees but also other universities. Dr. Payne asked what features make it unique. Dr. Wendt stated there will be technology specific courses and there are two concentrations, Higher Education Administration and Student Affairs. Dr. Wendt stated the research courses are the same courses that are currently being taught for the PhD.

Dr. Michael asked when would the program start and Dr. Wendt stated most likely Fall 2023. Dr. Ojo asked if people would have to be hired. Dr. Wendt stated there are currently professors on campus that can teach and adjuncts would also be hired. The long term goal would be to hire faculty. Dr. Payne asked about the Bureau of Labor statistics. Dr. Wendt explained that it depends on what study is looked at. Dr. Wendt stated the biggest factor is that the program will be online so a lot of people can pursue it.

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

9. Request from the College of Business for Banking School Substitutions.

Motion to approve: Dr. Wendt

Seconded by: Dr. Eberle

Comments/Amendments: Ms. Nicewicz stated the graduate schools of banking offer rigorous coursework that is offered in MBA elective courses. Six hours of course credit would be allowed from an approved professional banking school.

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

10. Request to rescind Policy 273, Online Graduate Degree Program-Graduate Student Requirements.

Motion to approve: Dr. Wendt

Seconded by: Dr. Payne

Comments/Amendments: Dr. Camuti stated Policy 273 needs to be rescinded because it is superseded by Policy 223, Online and Distance Education (approved fall 2021).

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

11. Informational Items: Dr. Camuti stated that additional documentation is required when submitting a new certificate program to THEC. Following SACSCOC criteria, certificate programs will need to include student learning outcomes, assessment plan, curriculum map, and name of the program coordinator. Dr. Eberle asked when this would go into effect and Dr. Camuti stated immediately.

12. Other Matters: None.

13. Adjourn

Motion to approve: Dr. Wendt

Seconded by: Dr. Eberle

Comments/Amendments: None.

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

Submitted by:

College of Graduate Studies