

COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES

March 22, 2000

(Approved by COGS on April 19, 2000)

The Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) met at 1:30 p.m. on March 22, 2000, in the Sanford Conference room. Those in attendance were: Dr. Cletus Bulach, Dr. Mike Cass, Dr. Janie Cates, Dr. Ron Colley, Dr. Tena Crews, Dr. Debra Dwight, Dr. Bob Hilliard, Ms. Shirley Lankford (for Charles Beard), Dr. Deborah Lea-Fox, Dr. Patty Lynott, Dr. Gwen McAlpine, Dr. Harry Morgan, Dr. Lena Morgan, Dr. Lelia Mullis, Dr. Mark Murphy, Dr. John Myers, Dr. Frank Orr, Dr. Don Rice, Dr. Peggy Robyler, Dr. John vonEschenbach, Dr. Michael Waugh, Mr. John Wells, and Dr. Ara Volkan. Dean Jack O. Jenkins presided.

I. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes for the February 2, 2000, meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies were approved.

II. The following individuals were approved for regular appointment to the graduate faculty:

- Brock, Kathy T., Assistant Professor of Media, Ph.D. Georgia State University, requested by Dr. Michael Waugh.
- Holbein, Marie D., Professor of Elementary Education, Ed.D. Auburn University requested by Dr. John vonEschenbach.
- Jenkins, Deborah Bainer, Professor of Secondary Education, Ph.D. Ohio State University, requested by Dr. John vonEschenbach.
- McLester, John R., Jr., Assistant Professor of Physical Education and Recreation, Ph.D. (May 2000) University of Alabama, requested by Dr. Keith Tennant.

III. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

IV. New Business

A. The following course changes were approved:

College of Arts and Sciences

Foreign Languages and Literature

MODIFY

SPAN 5501 Modify course prefix and number to FORL 6501, and change title to
And Foreign Languages and Curriculum in Elementary Schools
FREN 5501

SPAN 6502 Modify course prefix and number to FORL 6502, and change title to
And Methods of Teaching Foreign Language
FREN 6502

College of Business

Management and Business Systems

ADD

ABED 6587 Teaching Internship I
ABED 6588 Teaching Internship II

MODIFY

Masters of Education in Business Education Degree Program
ABED 6107 Modify title to Instructional Strategies for Technology and course
description

ABED 6186	Modify number to 6586, title to Teaching Internship, credit, and catalog description
ABED 6507	Modify course description and lab hours
ABED 6537	Modify course description and lab hours

DELETE

ABED 6538	Practicum in Business Education
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College of Education

Curriculum & Instruction

(These courses were expedited in an effort to place them in the 2000-2001 Graduate Catalog. Most of the courses involve changing the second digit of the course number to reflect the Curriculum and Instruction department. In a few instances there are title changes.)

MODIFY

MGED 6512	Modify to MGED 6212
MGED 7554	Modify to MGED 7254
MGED 7561	Modify to MGED 7261
MGED 7562	Modify to MGED 7262
MGED 7563	Modify to MGED 7263
MGED 7564	Modify to MGED 7264
MGED 7569	Modify to MGED 7269
MGED 7571	Modify to MGED 7271
MGED 7581	Modify to MGED 7281
MGED 7582	Modify to MGED 7282
MGED 7587	Modify to MGED 7287
MGED 7594	Modify to MGED 7294
MGED 7595	Modify to MGED 7295
MGED 7596	Modify to MGED 7296
MGED 8583	Modify to MGED 8283
MGED 8584	Modify to MGED 8284
MGED 8597	Modify to MGED 8297
PTED 7543	Modify to PTED 7243
PTED 7544	Modify to PTED 7244
PTED 7546	Modify to PTED 7246
PTED 7581	Modify to PTED 7281
PTED 7582	Modify to PTED 7282
PTED 7587	Modify to PTED 7287
PTED 7594	Modify to PTED 7294
PTED 7595	Modify to PTED 7295
PTED 7596	Modify to PTED 7296
SEED 7551	Modify to SEED 7251
SEED 7552	Modify to SEED 7252
SEED 7553	Modify to SEED 7253
SEED 7554	Modify to SEED 7254
SEED 7561	Modify to SEED 7261 and change title to Advanced Instructional Strategies for English Education
SEED 7562	Modify to SEED 7262 and change title to Advanced Instructional Strategies for Social Studies Education
SEED 7563	Modify to SEED 7263 and change title to Advanced Instructional Strategies for Science Education
SEED 7564	Modify to SEED 7264 and change title to Advanced Instructional Strategies for Mathematics Education
SEED 7569	Modify to SEED 7269
SEED 7571	Modify to SEED 7271 and change title to Advanced Study of the Secondary School Curriculum

SEED 7581	Modify to SEED 7281
SEED 7582	Modify to SEED 7282
SEED 7587	Modify to SEED 7287
SEED 7594	Modify to SEED 7294
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SEED 8597	Modify to SEED 8297

- B. Dr. Volkan presented the new Course or Program Addition, Deletion, or Modification Request form. The form was revised at the last Undergraduate Academic Program Committee meeting to include check boxes indicating whether library resources were adequate or needed enhancement. Dr. Volkan also announced that the form may be accessed via the web at www.westga.edu/~vpaa/course-request.pdf. Ms. Shirley Lankford reminded everyone that every academic department has a library liaison assigned to them. The appropriate library liaison should be contacted when departments are considering changes or additions to a course or program so that they may initiate an investigation of the materials needed for the changes. A motion was made and approved that COGS would adopt the new form pending approval by the Faculty Senate.
- C. Dr. Jenkins asked COGS members if they would like to form a sub-committee to recommend a plus-minus grading scale. After discussion, a motion was made and approved to abandon the notion of COGS recommending that the University System of Georgia adopt a plus-minus grading system. Dr. Lena' Morgan asked to go on record that the Educational Leadership Department believes that there is a definite difference between an 89.5% "A" and an 100% "A". Dr. Robyler asked to go on record that she does not believe that this type of system addresses grade inflation.
- D. Dr. Jenkins stated that at the last meeting there was discussion regarding the meaning of "permanent dismissal" in letters sent to students who have been dismissed from the Graduate School. The Graduate School has experienced a small but significant increase in the number of students being dismissed for academic reasons. Dean Jenkins had expressed a need to clarify whether "permanent" meant that students could never be readmitted, or could appeal for readmission after a certain period of time. Dr. Jenkins indicated that Dr. John Myers of the Curriculum and Instruction Department had e-mailed him and suggested the following phraseology: "dismissed from the graduate program for no less than one year, to be readmitted only with the written recommendation of the appropriate department." Dr. Jenkins stated that he would revise the current letter to include the new wording and bring it back to COGS for review.

The Ed.S. Appeals Committee met afterward.