The Graduate Council convened and voted electronically during the week of January 23, 2012. A quorum of positive votes was required for proposal approvals.


Graduate School Representatives: Dr. Briana Timmerman: Dale Moore and Soo-Jee Yi

Graduate Student Representative: Robynn Mackechnie

Provost Office Representative: Dr. Kristia Finnigan

NOTE: These minutes will become final on February 29, 2012, if not challenged.

1. Approval of minutes (Minutes of the November 28, 2011 and December 5, 2011 meeting). The minutes were reviewed electronically and approved by the Council. [A copy of Minutes are on file at The Graduate School; also posted on The Graduate School website at http://gradschool.sc.edu/gradcouncil/minutes.htm

2. Report of the Chair (Cheryl Addy)
   No report

3. Report of the Dean of The Graduate School (Lacy Ford)
   No report

4. Report of the Associate Dean / Secretary of the Graduate Council (Nancy Zimmerman)
   No report
5. **Report of the Graduate Student Association Representative** (Robyn Mackechnie)

   No report


   No report

7. **Report of the Committee on 500/600 Level Courses, Distance Education, and Special Courses** (Nancy Zimmerman)

   **DED approvals:**
   - **Spring 2012**
     - EDLP 755 Educational Policy Analysis (3)

8. **Fellowships and Scholarships Committee** (Wayne Carver)

   No report


   No report

10. **Report of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (Deborah Brosdahl)

    **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

    **Educational Leadership & Policies**

    **APPROVED**

    New Course Proposal:
    - **EDHE 851 Comparative Higher Education (3)**
      Introduces students to the study of higher education in other countries, including policy and governance, finance, student life, the professoriate and related issues in comparative perspective. Includes a study abroad component with additional fees.

      Course Prerequisite: Permission of Instructor

      [Effective: Summer I 2012]

    **SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS**

    **APPROVED**

    Academic Program Action Proposal/Bulletin Change:
    - **School of Journalism & Mass Communications PhD**
      Removal of the foreign language requirement in the SJMC is justified based on the following:
Other peer academic institutions in the Southeast no longer mandate fulfillment of a foreign language requirement (including Univ. of GA, UNC Chapel Hill, Univ. of FL).

SPAN 615, the most commonly taken course for fulfilling the foreign language requirement is not available during any of the listed upcoming semesters. The department chair has indicated that the course is not scheduled to be taught in upcoming semesters due to cost restraints.

Other schools and colleges in the University have eliminated the foreign language requirement for doctoral students.

Changes to the SJMC doctoral curriculum allowing students to take two of the following three courses (J804, 806, or 807) instead of requiring all three as core requirements is justified based on the following:

A desire for more flexibility in doctoral coursework and the ability for students to better balance methods and topical courses.

Revisions to the SJMC doctoral curriculum eliminating three of the six credit hours of J810 and therefore decreasing the overall course load to 57 hours from 60 hours is justified based on the following:

We have more course hours than many peer doctoral programs. An analysis of our peer doctoral programs found that, overall, we provide less funding for students and require more course hours.

Current students are struggling to complete the required course work during the three-year period they receive funding from the SJMC.

Three credit of J810, which requires a student to independently complete a research project, will remain in the curriculum. Faculty did not see a need for a student to take 6 credits hours of this course based on the widespread expectation for research papers in existing courses.

[Effective: Fall 2012]
their home institution and spend the second year at the host
institution.
In order to be awarded both degrees, students have to meet the
requirements of both degrees. All requirements for the University of
South Carolina degree will be met by courses taken at the University
of South Carolina.
Requirements for the MiM degree will be met by the courses taken at
the University of South Carolina and courses taken at ESCP Paris.
Each institution will be the sole judge of whether a student has
completed the requirement for the degree that it awards.
In answering the question in the Academic Program Actions (APA)
form, the question regarding credit hours may need explanation.
Students in the program take 30 credit hours at USC, all in the MIB
program. These 30 credit hours satisfy the requirements for the MIB
degree.
Students in the Master in Management program take a varying
number of credit hours, depending on background and various
specializations available. To receive the ESCP degree, students
need to take at least 60 ECTS at ESCP (= 30 credit hours), equal to
or greater than 50% of the total for both degrees.
In answering the question on delivery location, 100 % of the credit
hours for the USC degree will be given via traditional face-to-face
delivery at USC. Consequently, we have answered the question from
the perspective of the two degrees, but the USC Department Chair is
the signatory to the APA.

[Effective: Fall 2012]

11. Report of the Petitions and Appeals Committee (Rhonda Jeffries)
   No report

12. Other Committee Reports
   No report

13. Old Business
   None

14. New Business
   None

15. Good of the Order
   None

16. Adjournment
Nancy Zimmerman, Secretary

cc:
President Harris Pastides
Vice Provost & Dean of Graduate Studies Lacy Ford
Provost Michael Amiridis
Deans
Department Chairs
Graduate Directors
Aaron Marter, University Registrar
Jodie Morris, Office of the Registrar
Gail Stephens, Office of the Registrar
Andrew Graves, Office of the Registrar
Nancy Floyd, Office of Institutional Assessment and Compliance