

ACU Graduate Council
May 7, 2019
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
CBS Dean's Conference Room

Present: D. Snider, K. Witemeyer, M. Long, D. Walls, S. Jones, L. Lemley, A. Huddleston, T. Womble, T. Sensing, C. Flanagan, D. Barnett, J. Cardot, M. Scott

Absent: J. Neill, L. Merchant

Ex-officios: (J. Weaver, G. Straughn, B. Crisp, K. Cukrowski, B. Hammack, J. Shewmaker – not in attendance)

Guests: M. McMillan, J. Bearden, C. Hutson, J. Smith, E. Gumm, D. Pemberton

The meeting began at 11:55 a.m.

- I. Approval of the minutes from 3.19.19

Motion to approve the minutes by S. Jones; seconded by A. Huddleston; all in favor. Motion passes.

Information Items:

- II. Graduate Council Dates for 2019-2020

D. Snider - We typically do not have September and January meetings so those months have been removed from our schedule for next academic year.

- III. DMin – Remove Mentoring as Degree Requirement

T. Sensing - This looked good on paper, but the mentoring program did not materialize in practice. We are cleaning up the catalog to match what is happening in practice.

- IV. Accelerated Psychology Program (APPDP) – Revise Policies on Admission and Graduate Hours Per Semester for Undergraduate Students

C. Flanagan - The first change is to the admission process. Seeking admission after 30 hours is too soon. Many students come in with 24 hours of transfer work. A better practice is moving it to after 60 hours. They typically apply at the 70-75 hour mark. The second change addresses restrictive language in the catalog. This new wording would allow more flexibility to maximize how our students could take advantage of more graduate hours if our advisors believe it is appropriate.

Action Items:

V. MMFT – Revise Admission Requirements

C. Hutson - This is a slight revision to our admission requirements. Historically, if a student was just under one of the benchmarks, they would be admitted under probation. We had an international student who was an excellent student who missed the GRE benchmark by a few points but was otherwise an excellent candidate. Unfortunately, international students cannot be granted a VISA for probational admission. This revision allows the faculty, at their discretion, to admit without the provisional qualifier. We ran this language by the international office to ensure that this is acceptable for their requirements and they agreed.

Motion to approve by J. Cardot; seconded by D. Barnett; all in favor. Motion passes.

VI. NUTR 635 – Nutrition for Exercise and Sport – New Course

S. Jones - When the MAT program began, we planned to use the existing course NUTR 629. However, that course drew on a foundation of knowledge the athletic training students wouldn't have. This new course covers the foundation as well as going more deeply into areas specific to the needs of athletes. This is an online course. It will be a summer course. We are also planning to add it to our MS in Nutrition program. The course meets the accreditation standards for Athletic Training.

Motion to approve by D. Barnett; seconded by D. Walls; all in favor. Motion passes.

VII. MAT – Revise Major – Add NUTR 635

M. Long - My accrediting body is good with us teaching this course as a special topics for this year as long as I give them the narrative to explain the rationale. Athletic trainers are on almost every high school campus and having this training will serve as the first line of defense for identifying problems and helping to optimize performance. We will remove NUTR 629 and replace it with NUTR 635.
J. Smith - Where does this fall in the sequencing? M. Long - It's about halfway.

Motion to approve by L. Lemley; seconded by M. Scott; all in favor. Motion passes.

Meeting ended at 12:16 p.m.