

ACU Graduate Council
April 13, 2021
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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

Absent: L. Lemley, T. Sensing

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

Guests: C. Candler, J. Smith, C. Wadlington, D. Kennamer, M. Thompson

The meeting began at 12:03 p.m.

I. Approval of the minutes from 3.16.21

Motion to approve the minutes by S. Jones; seconded by D. Barnett; all in favor. Motion passes.

Business Items:

- II. 2021-2022 Graduate Council Dates
- III. 2021-2022 Graduate Council Members

Information Items:

- IV. ENGL 520 – Revise Course Terms
- V. ENGL 522 – Revise Course Terms
- VI. ENGL 562 – Revise Course Terms
- VII. ENGL 563 – Revise Course Terms
- VIII. ENGL 570 – Revise Course Terms
- IX. ENGL 572 – Revise Course Terms
- X. ENGL 577 – Revise Course Terms
- XI. ENGL 581 – Revise Description
- XII. ENGL 583 – Revise Course Terms
- XIII. ENGL 597 – Revise Course Terms
- XIV. ENGL 652 – Revise Course Terms

T. Womble – This is just some clean-up for the catalog. With faculty reductions, we needed to change our schedule of offerings, so you'll see the new course terms as well as one change to a description.

- XV. OCCT 601 – Revise Prerequisites
- XVI. OCCT 631 – Revise Prerequisites
- XVII. OCCT 635 – Revise Corequisites
- XVIII. OCCT 636 – Revise Corequisites
- XIX. OCCT 637 – Revise Prerequisites
- XX. OCCT 638 – Revise Corequisites
- XXI. OCCT 639 – Revise Prerequisites
- XXII. OCCT 641 – Revise Prerequisites
- XXIII. OCCT 651 – Revise Prerequisites
- XXIV. OCCT 655 – Revise Prerequisites
- XXV. OCCT 661 – Revise Prerequisites
- XXVI. OCCT 662 – Revise Corequisites
- XXVII. OCCT 670 – Revise Prerequisites
- XXVIII. OCCT 690 – Revise Prerequisites
- XXIX. OCCT 695 – Revise Prerequisites
- XXX. OCCT 703 – Revise Prerequisites
- XXXI. OCCT 711 – Revise Prerequisites
- XXXII. OCCT 739 – Revise Prerequisites
- XXXIII. OCCT 790 – Revise Prerequisites
- XXXIV. OCCT 791 – Revise Prerequisites
- XXXV. OCCT 795 – Revise Prerequisites

C. Candler – Despite the long list of items, this is a simple request. Our program is a lock-step program. The students move together as a cohort and must complete a block before moving forward. Therefore, we are removing the prerequisites and adding a statement to the degree plan itself about the program being administered in a block sequence so that these prerequisites are not needed. D. Snider – What happens if a student does not pass? C. Candler – That student would not be able to progress.

Action Items:

- XXXVI. ENGL 561 – New Course – Archival Research (Cross-listed with ENGL 461)

T. Womble – Most of our upper-level English courses are cross-listed with undergraduate advanced courses. We created a new course ENGL 461 that has gone through UUAC and been approved. We are now wanting to create a graduate-level version of that course. They will be cross-listed.

Motion to approve by L. Merchant; seconded by C. Flanagan; all in favor. Motion passes.

- XXXVII. METL – Revision of Major – Remove CONR 615, Add EDUC 697

D. Kennamer – We are wanting to remove the conflict resolution course from our master's degree in Teaching and Learning. The intention is not to prepare students for administrative roles, but to create leadership in teaching. It's all about instruction.

When it was developed, we used courses that already existed. The CONR course fit the need well enough, but we are now wanting to use a coaching course developed in our department in its place. It is a better fit for the intent of the degree.

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

XXXVIII. MSOT – Add Block Sequence Statement to Degree Plan

See discussion on OCCT courses in information items above.

XXXIX. OTD – Add Blocked Sequence Statement to Degree Plan

See discussion on OCCT courses in information items above.

Motion to approve items XXXVIII and XXXIX by A. Huddleston; seconded by J. Neill; all in favor. Motion passes.

XL. PSYC 637 – New Course – Academic Assessment & Intervention

C. Wadlington – When we first opened our school psychology program, we had several SPED courses in the degree plan. Over the years, we've replaced those with courses from within our own department. This course is where our graduate students learn to help students one-on-one. There is a case study component as well. D. Kennamer – We think moving this into school psychology is a positive switch since our course didn't work directly from a psychology perspective.

Motion to approve by L. Merchant; seconded by S. Jones; 9 in favor, 1 abstention. Motion passes.

XLI. SSP – Revision of Major – Remove PSYC 685/SPED 677; Add PSYC 637/650

C. Wadlington – This is in response to our accreditation review. This will bring in more of the individual instruction pieces along with ethics.

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

XLII. MLA – Remove GRE Admission Requirement

J. Cardot – If students are matriculating from an ACU program and have a GPA above 3.0, they are not required to submit a GRE. Since our program is interdisciplinary, it seemed unnecessary to require the GRE for admission to the MLA when most stand-alone programs are no longer requiring it.

Motion to approve by C. Flanagan; seconded by J. Neill; all in favor. Motion passes.

Meeting ended at 12:30 p.m.