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Graduate Council Minutes
September 28, 2006

The Graduate Council met in Bond Hall room 295 on this date. Dr. Jones chaired this meeting. Members in attendance were Dr. David Allen, Dr. Jennifer Altieri, Dr. Mark Bebensee, Dr. Kathy Brown, Dr. Sheila Foster, Dr. Margaret Francel, Dr. Kerry Lassiter, Dr. Keith Knapp representing Dr. Kathy Grenier; Dr. Bob Steed, and Dr. George Williams. Ex-officio members in attendance were Ms. Marcia Bonica, Ms. Sylvia Nesmith, and Dr. Tom Thompson.

The minutes of the March 16, 2006 were approved. The motion to approve passed without objection.

Dr. Lassiter presented the first agenda item regarding the renaming of PSYC 558. The information from the last meeting's minutes was edited to reflect that the class is an advanced elective, not an introductory course as the Memo suggested. Reasons for the change were as follows: First, the existing content information for PSYC 558 incorrectly reflects the content for PSYC 553, implying that they cover the same material. The information is not specific enough to encourage students who are interested in licensure and require a course in Couples Counseling. Due to this descriptive error, students are not enrolling in the class as it currently exists. Furthermore, on surveys and course feedback, students expressed an interest in a course on Couples Counseling. One reason given is that some insurance companies reportedly do not reimburse for family therapy but do so for couples therapy. Dr. Lassiter also mentioned that graduates of the psychology programs sometimes return to enroll in the course for CEU credits. The course information was also edited. Ms. Sylvia Nesmith suggested that the course number should be changed as well as the course name since the course content is different. Dr. Lassiter moved that a new course number and the name Counseling & Psychotherapy for Couples be accepted, as well as the editing of the course information. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was passed without objection.

Dr. Francel presented the next agenda regarding the proposal to allow ENGR Project Management Courses as electives in the Master of Science Computer Sciences degree programs. This would allow certification credits to count toward the TPM program degree program. Dr. Francel moved that ENGR Project Management Courses be accepted as electives in the Master of Science Computer Sciences degree programs, Dr. Bebensee seconded, and the motion was passed without objection.

Dr. Lassiter also informed the Council that the School Psychology program is seeking reaccreditation from the National Association of School Psychologists and asked Dr. Jones how soon in advance materials need to be submitted before Council meets in order to have it ready for the meeting. Dr. Jones responded that all information to be presented to Graduate Council must be turned in at least seven days before the scheduled meeting.

The next Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for October 19 at 11:15 a.m. in Bond Hall room 295.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Ray S. Jones