

Alcorn State University

GRADUATE COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday, August 17, 2015

The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, August 17, 2015, in the Academic Affairs Inner Conference Room in the Walter Washington Administration Building. Dr. Donzell Lee presided.

Present: Dr. Janelle Baker, Dr. Malinda Butler, Dr. Daniel Collins, Dr. Akash Dania, Dr. Rebecca Fairchild, Dr. John Igwebuike, Dr. Donzell Lee, Dr. Ivory Lyles, Ms. Julia Odom, Dr. Babu Patlolla, Dr. Debra Spring, Dr. Voletta Williams, Dr. Ping Zhang.

Absent: Dr. Kwabena Agyepong, Dr. Janelle Baker, Dr. Sandra Barnes, Dr. Robert Carr, Dr. Carrie Ford, Dr. Chris Gilmer, Dr. Latoya Hart, Dr. Dickson Idusuyi, Mrs. Dyann Moses, Dr. Blanche Sanders, Dr. Cynthia Scurria, and Mr. Jimmy Smith.

Call to Order: Dr. Donzell Lee called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m. Dr. Lee welcomed new council members in attendance: Dr. Rebecca Fairchild, Associate Dean, School of Nursing; Dr. Debra Spring, Dean, School of Nursing; Dr. Voletta Williams, Interim Chairperson, Department of Biological Sciences; and Dr. Ping Zhang, Chairperson, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Dr. Ivory Lyles seconded by Council Member Dr. Babu Patlolla, the Graduate Council unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Graduate Council held on June 17, 2015.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

No new items were added to the agenda. The regular meeting agenda proceeded as printed.

CURRICULUM

Program Revisions

Department of Biological Sciences – The Non-Thesis Option of non-binding of the research project was approved by the council. A copy of each student's research project will be submitted to the Graduate Studies Office to be added to the archives.

School of Business – The Master of Business Administrations programs have been restructured to align with compliance requirements of IHL. The revisions include two tracks, the regular MBA and Specialty areas for professionals - Gaming Management and Hospitality Management. The proposals presented to the council also included commonality of admission requirements between the two tracks. The Specialty Track has been renamed to MBO (Master of Business Administration Online).

Department of Health and Physical Education – The proposal to extend exit requirements for the Athletic Administration and Coaching Program was tabled until the next meeting to allow the chair of the department an opportunity to present this proposal.

Course Revisions

Department of Biological Sciences – The proposal to discontinue the requirement to write a paper and have it judged to meet the Graduate Writing Proficiency Requirement was approved. ST 597, EN 500, and AN 501 were approved as options students can enroll to meet the writing proficiency for the Master of Science in Biology. Students must pass the course with a letter grade of ‘B’ or higher.

Department of Graduate Nursing – Dr. Spring gave rationale for changes in course offerings. Several courses have been renumbered and sequenced in the revamping process to meet accreditation recommendations by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).

Course Revisions

Family Nurse Practitioner Proposed Changes

NU 511: *Graduate Style Writing* - Change course to NU 500.

NU 501: *Professional Role Development* - Add this course as first of a three-course sequence to address professional nursing development; current content is embedded into the Theories of Advanced Practice Nursing course NU 505.

NU 503: *Advanced Pharmacology* - Course number changed from NU 506.

NU 504: *Theoretical Foundations in Nursing* - Course number changed from NU 505 to 504.

NU 505: *Advanced Health Assessment* – Course number and sequence, increase from two (2) hour course to three (3) hour course.

NU 505 L: *Advanced Health Assessment Lab* (60 clinical lab hours) – Course number changed from NU 503L to NU 505L.

NU 506: *Research Methods* – Course number changed from NU 504 to NU 506.

NU 507: *Health Policy* – Course name changed from Rural Health Policy to Health Policy; course number from NU 514 to NU 507.

NU 508: *Clinical Management Theory I Adult Health* – Course number from NU 507 to NU 508.

NU 509: *Clinical Management Practicum I* (120 clinical practicum hours) – Course number from NU 508 to NU 509.

NU 514: *Introduction to Genetics* – Addition to curriculum.

NU 510: *Clinical Management Theory II* (Women’s Health) – Moved from summer semester to fall semester; course being offered with pediatrics since much of the content overlaps (maternal-child/newborn)

NU 511: *Clinical Management Practicum II* (120 clinical practicum hours) – Moved from summer semester to fall semester; course being offered with pediatrics since much of the content overlaps (maternal-child/newborn)

NU 512: *Clinical Management Theory III* (Pediatric Health) – Moved from summer semester to fall semester; course being offered with pediatrics since much of the content overlaps (maternal-child/newborn)

NU 513: *Clinical Management Practicum III* (120 clinical practicum hours) – Moved from summer semester to fall semester; course being offered with pediatrics since much of the content overlaps (maternal-child/newborn)

NU 590 & NU 592: *Thesis I and Research Project I* – Increased Thesis I to three (3) hours for two consecutive semesters instead of two (2) hours for three consecutive semesters.

NU 518: *Synthesis Practicum* (240 clinical practicum hours) – Increased the number of semester credit hours and clinical hours.

NU 591 and NU 593: *Theses II and Research Project II* – Increased Thesis I to three (3) hours for two consecutive semesters instead of two (2) hours for three consecutive semesters.

Nurse Educator Proposed Changes

NU 502: *Advanced Pathophysiology* – Sequence moved from Year 2 Semester 4 to Year 1 Semester 1.

NU 503: *Advanced Pharmacology* - Course number changed from NU 506.

NU 504: *Theoretical Foundations in Nursing* - Course number changed from NU 505 to 504.

NU 505: *Advanced Health Assessment* – Course number and sequence, increase from two (2) hour course to three (3) hour course.

NU 505 L: *Advanced Health Assessment Lab* (60 clinical lab hours) – Course number changed from NU 503L to NU 505L.

NU 506: *Research Methods* – Course number changed from NU 504 to NU 506.

NU 507: *Health Policy* – Course name changed from Rural Health Policy to Health Policy; course number from NU 514 to NU 507.

NU 530: *Curriculum Theory & Design in Nursing Education* – Course name changed from Foundations in Nursing Education to Curriculum Theory & Design in Nursing Education.

NU 531: *Curriculum Strategies & Roles in Nursing Education* – Course name changed from Nursing Education Roles & Methods to Curriculum Strategies & Roles in Nursing Education.

NU 532: *Assessment & Evaluation in Nursing Education* – Course name changed from Evaluation for Nursing Education to Assessment and Evaluation in Nursing Education.

NU 533: *Nursing Education Practicum* (180 hours education practicum hours); 60 clinical practicum hours) – This practicum includes three (3) hours of educational practicum for a total of 180 hours and one (1) hour clinical specialty area of student’s choice; the one (1) hour clinical practicum is currently NU 534 Focused Practicum.

NU 539: *Capstone Project* – Addition to curriculum.

GRADUATE FACULTY

- a) Graduate Faculty – Listed below are names of applicants who applied for graduate faculty membership and were approved by Graduate Council members:

School of AREAS

Dr. Jessica L. BuckAdjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Ivory Lyles.....Professor, New Appointment, ASU Full Member

Dr. Victor Njiti..... Assistant Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member

School of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Shenika Poindexter Assistant Professor, New Appointment, ASU Associate Member

School of Business

Dr. Pj Forrest..... Assistant Professor, Reappointment, ASU Associate Member

Dr. William Piper.....Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member

School of Education and Psychology

Dr. Alfred ArringtonAdjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Dennis BrandonAdjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. LaShundia Carson..... Associate Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member

Dr. LaToya Hart.....Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Dewayne MiddletonAdjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. April Miley Associate Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member

Dr. Tabitha Smith..... Assistant Professor, Reappointment, ASU Associate Member
Dr. Johnny Thomas Associate Professor, New Appointment, ASU Full Member
Dr. Cardell Williams Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
Dr. Helen Wyatt Associate Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member
Dr. Dylinda Wilson-Younger..... Associate Professor, Reappointment, Full Member

School of Nursing

Dr. Carolyn DollarAdjunct, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
Dr. Rebecca Fairchild Associate Professor, New Appointment, ASU Associate Member
Dr. Debra Spring.....Professor, New Appointment, ASU Full Member
Dr. Yolanda Powell-YoungProfessor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Appointment of Academic Appeals Committee for Graduate Studies** – An overview of the proposal was shared with the council to express the need to form an Appeal Review Committee to make decisions regarding appeals submitted at Level 1 – Graduate Studies. One member from each school will be designated to serve on this committee. The committee will meet monthly unless the need dictates more frequent meetings. Graduate Studies will serve as the repository for all documents which will be disseminated to the committee.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Two items were presented to the Graduate Council for Good of the Order.

- a) Graduate Council Meeting Calendar – A calendar was shared with the council to highlight meeting dates twice a semester during the academic year to address graduate business. Council members can better plan their calendars based on this established meeting schedule.
- b) International Compliance Regulations – Specific Homeland Security regulations that affect advisement of International graduate students were disseminated to inform deans, chairs, and advisors. The distance learning limitation was discussed of students only allowed to enroll in one online class per term. Additional information regarding this requirement will be shared with the group at a future date.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.