



WKU
Graduate Council

Minutes—October 15, 2009
2 pm, Academic Affairs Conference RM 239

Members Present: Shane Spiller, Rebecca Wharton, Nedra Atwell, Patti Whetstone, Lawrence Alice, Claus Ernst, Martin Stone, Danielle Racke, Leslie Abell, Beverly Siegrist, Dana Bradley, Nevil Speer, Jennifer Dietzel, Sarah Kessler (Council Secretary)

Members Absent: Harold Little, Kirk Atkinson, Elizabeth Jones, Lindsey Gilmore, Andrew McMichael, Alison Ganze, Michael Ann Williams, Ritchie Taylor, Shrikant Pawar

Alternate Members Present: Tabitha Daniel

Guests Present: Richard Bowker, Retta Poe, Freida Eggleton, Sylvia Giko, Carol Bradford, Jerry Daday, Brian Goff

I. Consideration of September 10, 2009 minutes.
The minutes stand approved as distributed.

II. New Business

A. Potter College of Arts and Letters

Information Only	Create Temporary Course ENG 475G: Writing Workshop II: Fiction Contact: David. J. Bell david.bell@wku.edu 5-4406
Information Only	Create Temporary Course ENG 468G: Writing Early Modern English Literature Contact: Beth Weixel beth.weixel@wku.edu 5-2257
Action Tabled per phone conversation with Karen Schneider.	Create a Course ENG 405G: Teach English as a Second Language Practicum Contact: Alex Poole alex.poole@wku.edu 5-5780
Consent Tabled per phone conversation with Karen Schneider.	Delete a Course ENG 508: Teach English as a Second Language Field Experience Contact: Alex Poole alex.poole@wku.edu 5-5780
Action *Atwell/Ernst motion for approval passed.	Revise a Program Master of Arts in Sociology, Ref. #105 Contact: Jerry Daday jerry.daday@wku.edu 5-8765

Action Tabled per phone conversation with Karen Schneider.	Revise Program Endorsement to Teach English as a Second Language, Ref. #KE36 Contact: Alex Poole alex.poole@wku.edu 5-5780
Action Tabled per phone conversation with Karen Schneider.	Revise Program Graduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Contact: Alex Poole alex.poole@wku.edu 5-5780

B. Gordon Ford College of Business

Action *Atwell/Ernst motion for approval passed.	Create a Course ECON 532 Topics in Microeconomics Contact: Michelle Trawick michelle.trawick@wku.edu 5-8803
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III. Other Business

- A. Graduate Student Research Grant Committee Report
- B. Graduate Faculty Committee Report
 - a. Ad Hoc Graduate Faculty Criteria Committee formed to examine categories in reference to the doctoral program, the addition of Research Scientist Ranks, and possible redefining and renaming of Temporary and Adjunct Graduate Faculty membership to Clinical and Professional respectively. Faculty serving on the committee are Harold Little, Dana Bradley, Nedra Atwell, Claus Ernst, Chris Wagner, and Kinchel Doerner.
 - b. Report passed.
- C. Rules Committee Report
 - a. Committee met to discuss whether the use of 12 hours toward to programs (degree or certificate) is adequate. The committee also considered whether 12 hours is the appropriate amount for transfer work. The committee examined several other universities' policies, including benchmark institutions, and found that WKU's 12 hour policy is consistent or lenient compared to other universities. The conversation sparked some discussion about pursuing two degrees simultaneously versus pursuing 2 majors simultaneously.
- D. Report from Graduate Dean
 - a. Expressed gratitude for assistance from the Graduate Council in handling difficult issues.
 - b. Enrollment trends for 2008 and 2009 were dispersed to everyone. The enrollment for 2009 follows the same pattern as 2008 and enrollment numbers are higher for 2009.

IV. Adjournment 2:56 p.m.