



Graduate Council

Minutes—December 11, 2014

2:00 pm - Academic Affairs Conference RM 239

**Members Present:** Kirk Atkinson, Phillip Coleman, Blake Ditto, Andrea Paganelli, Kristin Wilson, Marge Maxwell, Ferhan Atici, Cheryl Davis, Lance Hahn, Eric Reed, Shannon Vaughn, Dori Norman, Timothy Evans (alt.), Eve Main, Kurt Neelly, Beverly Siegrist, Andrew Rosa, Molly Kerby, Carl Fox

**Members Absent:** Minwoo Lee, David Kerr, Robert Beverly, Angie Jerome, Emily Bouchard, Kelsey Burton

**Guests Present:** Colette Chelf, Julie Harris, Scott Gordon, Laura Upchurch, Danita Kelley, Janet Applin, Cathleen Webb, Sylvia Gaiko, Tiffany Robinson, Merrall Price, Clay Motley, Craig Cobane, Scott Lyons, Mark Schafer, Brad Stinnett, Lauren Bland, Gordon Emslie

I. Consideration of the November 13, 2014 minutes \*Coleman/Atkinson, motion to approve; passed

II. Public Comment \*None

III. Reports

- a. Graduate Faculty Report \*Wilson/Main motion to approve; Wilson commented Dr. Everson highly qualified in research methods; passed
- b. Research Grants Report (Pereira, Main, Vaughan) \*No report
- c. Policy Committee Report (Neelly, Davis, Kerby) \*Neelly reported work on revised Graduate Council Bylaws ongoing and draft will be presented in January for review; Dr. Emslie relayed traditional structures and governance in graduate education, and need for revisions in the current operating papers; he also reiterated all revisions must be aligned with the Faculty Handbook
- d. Graduate Dean’s Report \*No report

IV. Old Business

- a. Ad Hoc Committee Report - Graduate Council Mission (Atkinson, Reed, Kerby, Wilson, Siegrist, Hahn, Fox) \*Work completed; no report

V. New Business

- a. Curriculum Proposals

<b>College Education and Behavioral Sciences</b>	
Action	Revise Program 0010 Doctor of Education (EdD) (Educational Leadership) Contact: Tony Norman, <a href="mailto:tony.norman@wku.edu">tony.norman@wku.edu</a> , 5-3061 *Davis/Hahn motion to approve; friendly amendment to correct proposal numbering; passed

Action	<p>Revise a Program  0438 MAE Special Education for Teacher Leaders: MSD  Contact: Gail Kirby, <a href="mailto:gail.kirby@wku.edu">gail.kirby@wku.edu</a> , 5-3746  *Wilson/Hahn motion to approve; friendly amendment to add “Teaching certificate <i>in MSD</i>” to first bullet under admission requirements; passed</p>
<b>Ogden College of Science &amp; Engineering</b>	
Consent	<p>Revise Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites  MATH 512 Geometry from an Advanced Perspective  Contact Person: Hope Marchionda, <a href="mailto:hope.marchionda@wku.edu">hope.marchionda@wku.edu</a>, 5-2961  *Coleman/Atkinson motion to bundle and approve consent items; passed</p>
Action	<p>Revise a Program  049 Master of Arts in Mathematics  Contact Person: Hope Marchionda, <a href="mailto:hope.marchionda@wku.edu">hope.marchionda@wku.edu</a>, 5-2961  *Atkinson/Hahn motion to approve; friendly amendment to add GAP calculation to proposal; passed</p>
<b>Potter College of Arts &amp; Letters</b>	
Action	<p>Revise a Program  078 Master of Arts in History  Contact: Beth Plummer, <a href="mailto:beth.plummer@wku.edu">beth.plummer@wku.edu</a>, 5-5739  *Reed/Davis motion to approve; passed</p>
<b>University College</b>	

Action	<p>Create a New Academic Degree Type  Master of Philosophy  Contact Person: Clay Motley, <a href="mailto:clay.motley@wku.edu">clay.motley@wku.edu</a>, 745-3171</p> <p>*Price requested degree type and program proposal be considered together; Siegrist no, must approve degree type prior to program; Atkinson/Kerby motion to approve; Clay Motley summarized degree type proposal; Davis questioned result if student did not complete in 4 years; Motley, no impact except for four year limit of financial aid; Davis because a 4 year program, would they then apply to graduate school; D. Kelley they would be eligible for bachelor's degree; Cobane stated multitude of scenarios possible but the vast majority of students would complete in 4 year; Wilson stated opposition to the proposal and to degree type specifically, and she questioned section 2.3 list of other institutions offering this degree stating that the M.Phil. is traditionally awarded to doctoral students who have completed all degree requirements except the dissertation; Wilson continued that offering the M.Phil. as an independent degree would lower the academic reputation of the Masters degrees offered at WKU; Would like to see how this will benefit WKU, this seems to be offering a master's degree "on the cheap"; Wilson further stated that this proposal indicates this degree will be research intensive through a 6 hour thesis, yet this requirement is common across Masters programs at WKU; Siegrist questioned why the degree type is restricted to Honors' students in kinesiology and that all degree types at WKU have been established university-wide; Motley, the degree type was devised in conjunction with the degree program as requested by administration; Cobane, if CPE approves the M.Phil. we can approach any departments on campus to offer a program; Wilson/Siegrist stated concerns that a graduate degree type is proposed for Honors undergraduate students only; Motley confirmed the degree type would only be for Honors students; Siegrist questioned how Honors which is housed under University College would offer a graduate degree and questioned offering a graduate degree outside of the Graduate School so these students would not fall under Graduate School policy; Motley argued that this is a graduate degree with 30 hours of graduate credit; Applin, yes 30 hours is the minimum for a graduate degree, but all students receiving a graduate degree must be graduate students at some point; Webb questioned when these students would become graduate students; Maxwell stated that an emphasis in research is already present in the Honors program and this M.Phil. proposal implies that the Honors' research requirement was not good enough; Maxwell asked what is the "Honors Academy"; Motley/Cobain explained the Honors College and Honors Academy were somewhat synonymous; Applin questioned the overlap of the degree type and the program proposal language; Wilson suggested offering an existing Master's degree for Honors students; Neelly what is the difference between this and a JUMP program; Kelley 12 hours double counts in a typical JUMP program; Kerby will these students be paying undergraduate rate for all of this program and how many hours will students be graduate students; Motley, one hour; Price, Honors students are not a source of revenue; Kerby agreed and asserted that these students would take even more of our resources without paying graduate tuition; Webb asked if thesis would be required for both undergraduate and graduate degrees; Motley, no, one thesis would be required for the graduate degree; Webb, so a researching Honor's student would not be eligible for this "research intensive" graduate degree; Motley, only one thesis would be required; Wilson, why can't it be a regular master's degree; Motley, because it will be offered by Honors; Cobane, this is attempt to create a graduate degree that could be offered by Honors and tool to recruit high quality undergraduate students to WKU; Wilson questioned if this would be achieved with an M.Phil. and the institutions you have identified are not using it in this way; Wilson questioned what Honors College benchmark uses the M.Phil. as a stand-alone degree; Price, M.Phil. is commonly offered in Europe; Motley agreed and that only six universities in the U.S. offer an M.Phil.; Vaughan asked</p>
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	<p>how this will benefit students competing for admission to doctoral programs with other students who have a Master of Arts or Master of Science that are recognizable, and argued that the M.Phil. students will not have the advantage; Price relayed that M.Phil. implies it is research based; Lyons articulated that KRS agreed to a program proposal because they polled exercise science students and 50% were planning to continue to doctoral degree such as physical therapy, of those 90% would be interested in pursuing the M.Phil.; Webb questioned which would better professionally prepare those students, a MS or an M.Phil.; Lyons we do not have a JUMP program, so it would take these student two more years to receive the MS; Webb suggested a JUMP program; Motley, M.Phil. will not replace the MA or MS, and some students may have to attain two masters to be admitted to a doctoral program; Webb, kinesiology will be giving up graduate students spots for the M.Phil. students; Webb, every degree matters and if M.Phil. student takes MS student slot in a lab then that should go to a graduate student that is wrong; Lyons, agree, but our program is willing to sacrifice a masters student spot to help the Honors undergraduate student; Wilson asked other than it is free and just for Honor's students, how is this different than a MS; Price, we offer multiple masters degrees; Wilson so this proposal should be considered a typical master's program; Price yes; Atkinson are we approving a degree type for one college and are these students going to be graduate students; Kelley stated that this is a Master of Philosophy degree type and any other program could create a M.Phil. program; Kelley, we do have specific degree types such as nursing, social work, etc.; Atkinson but those are programs housed in colleges with complimentary undergraduate programs; Kelley, yes, and this one will be specific to KRS and Honors; Wilson, when will they pay graduate tuition; Kelley, last semester or consecutive semester; Wilson, requested to hear from the Graduate School; Price asked the Graduate School staff when current JUMP students are admitted to graduate school; Chelf answered that undergraduate JUMP students may earn 18 hours of graduate credit and double count 12 hours, but this program is not proposing that; Webb stated that they will never be graduate students; Reed stated this degree will not certify anyone to do anything, this is a bachelors plus 30, and would put our students in a compromising situation to have to explain the degree; Reed stated KRS programs in Europe do use the M.Phil. but always between the Masters and the PhD.; Price argued this degree type will not be exclusive to KRS; Motley argued that 30 hours of graduate coursework will not hurt a student's chance for admission to Ph.D. program; Vaughan argued that it would since PhD programs would be evaluating MPhil students against MA and MS students and the MPhil would be considered inferior; Kelley, University of Alabama has well known doctoral program which only requires bachelor's degree with research interest for application and this degree would be another opportunity for students; Neelly asked if the Honor's college discussed creating a true JUMP program; Price, the research element and the exclusivity sets it apart; Neelly added that the Doctor of Physical Therapy program would consider a MS Exercise Science superior to an M.Phil.; Motley posed that an MPhil would strengthen their academic record; Webb asked if this was not simply an interdisciplinary MS degree between kinesiology and recreation and sport administration; Kerby/Hahn call to question; passed; No (16), Yes (0), Abstain (2); motion failed.</p>
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<b>College of Health and Human Services</b>	
Action *Atkinson/Hahn motion to approve; passed	Revise a Course RSA 544 Championship Events Practicum Contact: Brad Stinnett, <a href="mailto:brad.stinnett@wku.edu">brad.stinnett@wku.edu</a> , 745-4329
Action *Hahn/Maxwell motion to approve; passed	Proposal to Revise A Course SLP 550 Consultation in Communication Sciences and Disorders Contact: Lauren Bland, <a href="mailto:lauren.bland@wku.edu">lauren.bland@wku.edu</a> , 745-8860
Action *Hahn/Kerby motion to approve; passed	Revise a Course KIN 598 Capstone Research Experience Contact: Mark Schafer, <a href="mailto:mark.schafer@wku.edu">mark.schafer@wku.edu</a> , 745-5857
Action *Hahn/Neelly motion to approve; passed	Create a New Course KIN 525 Fitness Management Contact: Mark Schafer, <a href="mailto:mark.schafer@wku.edu">mark.schafer@wku.edu</a> , 745-5857
Action *Hahn/Kerby motion to approve; passed	Revise a Program 095 Recreation and Sport Administration Contact: Brad Stinnett, <a href="mailto:brad.stinnett@wku.edu">brad.stinnett@wku.edu</a> , 745-4329
Action *Hahn/Kerby motion to approve; passed	Revise a Program 0454 Master of Science in Kinesiology Contact: Mark Schafer, <a href="mailto:mark.schafer@wku.edu">mark.schafer@wku.edu</a> , 745-5857
Action *Hahn/Main motion to table; passed	Create a New Degree Program Master of Philosophy in Sport Science Contact: Scott Lyons, <a href="mailto:scott.lyons@wku.edu">scott.lyons@wku.edu</a> , 270-745-6035 Clay Motley, <a href="mailto:clay.motley@wku.edu">clay.motley@wku.edu</a> 270-745-2081

VI. Announcements/Adjourn \*Hahn/Kerby motion to adjourn