

Graduate Council Minutes May 7, 2009

Called to order: 2:30 pm
Adjourned: 3:45 pm

Members: M. Harris, G. Okereke, D. Davis, R. Owen
Ex-Officio: S. Lent, P. Black, D. Allard
Recorder: A. Gibson
Absent: R. Stripling, C. Snyder, J. Sander
Guests:
Alternate: W. Laird

I. **Call to order** – M. Harris called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

Approval of April minutes - Minutes were approved as written. D. Davis moved for approval and her motion was seconded by R. Owen. The motion was passed unanimously.

II. **Old Business:**

A. **Update on Syllabus Template and Charts** – M. Harris discussed the status of template and charts which are currently being converted into an online format.

III. **New Business:**

A. **Admissions Requirements for International Students** – Per Pat Black's requests the Council discussed whether IELTS and/or UALR Pre-University Intensive English Language Program should be accepted in lieu of the TOEFL test. G. Okereke motioned that this matter should be tabled until such time as the council is able to do more research and R. Owen seconded. This motion passes unanimously.

B. **Alternative Teacher Certification Program Requirement Change** – Maya Edwards requested that the GPA requirements be adjusted. D. Davis moved for approval and W. Laird seconded. The council unanimously voted to approve.

IV. **Curriculum Review:**

A. **Old Requests**

1. **GBUS 530, *The Culture of Mexico*** – The College of Business requested course changes for this class which would be effective Fall 2009. R. Owen moved to approve this course and G. Okereke seconded. After some discussion of necessary revisions R. Owen withdrew his original motion and recommended that the course be tabled. D. Davis seconded this motion and the council carried this motion.

2. **GBUS 435/535, *The Economy of Mexico*** – Course changes are requested for this class which would be effective Fall 2009. This course was discussed in conjunction with GBUS 530. It was tabled in the motion by R. Owen which was seconded by D. Davis and unanimously approved by the council.
3. **PSY 597, *Special Topics*** – The College of Health and Behavioral Sciences has requested a course title change for 497/597 to be offered under the new title of Working Effectively with Children and Adolescents who are Difficult to Diagnose and Treat. R. Owen moved to approve this course with the stipulation that some small changes be made to the syllabus. G. Okereke seconded and the council approved unanimously.

B. New Requests

1. **ED 506, *Classroom Management & Basic Law for Teachers*** – Maya Edwards sought approval to add web-enhanced as a course delivery method for this class. W. Laird motioned to approve and G. Okereke seconded. This motion was approved by the vote of the council.
2. **ED 553, *The Middle School*** – William Laird requested approval to add web based as a delivery method for this course. R. Owen moved to approve this change and D. Davis seconded. The council unanimously approved the changes.
3. **ENG 572, *Readings in Composition*** – Doris Davis requests that this course be reinstated. G. Okereke motioned to approve and W. Laird seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Next Meeting: Date/Time & Agenda items

VI. M. Harris Adjourned meeting at 3:45 pm.