

School of Graduate Studies

Graduate Council Minutes September 18, 2008

Members Present: Janzow, presiding; Athinarayanan, Bertrand, Branscum, Chamberlain, Dow, Gunn, Heischmidt, Jackson, Judd, Kiehne, Koch, Pruett, Taylor, Zen.

The Minutes of 4/17/08 were **approved**. (Athinarayanan/Chamberlain)

Dean's Report:

- The Council will focus on a number of strategic items this year including the role of Graduate Education at Southeast MO State University, major policies in the School of Graduate Studies, addition of new degrees as well as the possible termination of some current ones, and the movement from hard-copy to web information.
- Degree audits are being implemented for graduate students. One change will be that advisors must submit Initial Study Plans for each student.

GSAC Report (Pruett):

- First meeting is 9/18 at 6:00 p.m. and topics of discussion will be benefits and a broader orientation for new graduate students.

Mike Taylor volunteered to Chair the Academic Standards Committee.

Assessment Committee Report (Judd):

- Members are currently reviewing capstone projects and will receive new information to read.

Curriculum Committee Report (Branscum):

- Committee reviewed the new MBA: Sport Management Option and had no concerns with the approval of this option. Therefore, it was **approved** by the Council.
(Branscum/Judd)

Branscum received very positive feedback from follow-up phone calls to the institutions queried regarding accelerated programs. The motion was made and seconded to allow the MBA and IET Departments to act as pilots in offering these types of programs with the requirements as follows beginning with the Spring 2009 semester:

- 1) limit to 6 hours (500- or 600-level)
- 2) minimum grade point average of 3.25
- 3) have junior standing with at least 90 credit hours completed
- 4) submit 2 strong recommendation letters from faculty
- 5) submit formal application

The Council will then evaluate these offerings at the end of the Spring 2010 semester.
(Branscum/Heischmidt)

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.