

## Graduate Council

April 15, 2009

A regular meeting of the Graduate Council was held April 15, 2009 at 3:40 p.m. in BH 2402. Members present were:

<b>Jay</b>	<b>Bulen</b>	Music
<b>Maria</b>	<b>Di Stefano</b>	Dean of Graduate Studies
<b>Scott</b>	<b>Fouch</b>	Accountancy
<b>Barbara</b>	<b>Price</b>	English
<b>Wendy</b>	<b>Miner</b>	Education
<b>Michael</b>	<b>Lockhart</b>	Biology
<b>Donna</b>	<b>Russell</b>	Library
<b>Adam</b>	<b>Yanick</b>	Grad Student Rep
<b>Paula</b>	<b>Cochran</b>	Communication Disorders

Jay Bulen, Chair, opened the meeting.

### Approval of March 18, 2009 minutes

**Motion**, approve: M. Di Stefano. **Second**: W. Miner. **Approved**.

### Executive Committee Report (J. Bulen)

Biology courses sent to UCG for approval. Sabbatical letters of intent are due in September of 2009. The President and Provost had lunch with the Governor. He told them he would like to see more classes in autism and wondered if something could be worked out with AT Still. CMDS did offer a graduate course in this. It isn't offered this summer but could be offered again. A meeting with DESE about the Counseling program will be held in early May.

### Graduate Dean's Comments (M. Di Stefano)

M. Di Stefano started by handing out copies of a list of graduate students who participated in the Student Research Conference held on April 7. There were 4 graduate students who acted as moderators. Graduate Education Week will be held April 20-25. A photo of the Mayor signing the proclamation declaring this as Graduate Education Week in Kirksville along with program directors and grad students will be released on Monday. Information tables will be set up in different buildings across campus. The Graduate Student Appreciation Luncheon will be held on April 22 in the Alumni Room. The Graduate Education website sponsored by MU has our activities listed. There is a page with featured grad students across Missouri campuses. Our submitted student is Kim Fitzgerald from CMDS.

### Discussion Item: New Course Approval-EC 6XXX Management of Instruction: Instructing Young Children (W. Miner)

W. Miner explained the new course and the following course updates. The new course is designed for Early Childhood add-on certification. Two courses would be combined into one-EC 604G and EC 608G would be inactivated. S. Fouch moved to make all action items. P. Cochran seconded and the motion passed. S. Fouch moved to approve the inactivation of EC 604G and EC 608G. M. Di Stefano seconded and the motion passed. S. Fouch moved to approve the new course EC 6XXX. M. Lockhart seconded and the motion passed.

### Discussion Item: Course Update-EC 608G Management of Instruction: Teaching the Young Child (W. Miner)

### Discussion Item: Course Update-EC 604G Assessing Young Children (W. Miner)

**Discussion Item: Course Update-SED 530 Psychology of the Young Child (W. Miner)**

W. Miner explained the changes being made to the course. A question was raised as to why a 500 level course was only listed as an undergraduate course without a graduate level option. This will be addressed by Education in September so this was tabled for discussion at a later date.

**Discussion Item: GC Bill 0109 To Change SED 637G:Trends an Issues in Special Education from a Special Education requirement to a program elective (W. Miner)**

W. Miner explained the bill and P. Cochran moved to make it an action item. B. Price seconded and the motion passed. S. Fouch moved to approve the bill. P. Cochran seconded and the motion passed.

**Discussion Item: GC Bill 0209 Spring Graduates (M. Di Stefano)**

The list of spring graduates was presented for review. M. Lockhart moved to make this an action item. S. Fouch seconded and the motion passed. S. Fouch moved to approve the list pending completion of all requirements. W. Miner seconded and the motion passed.

**Other Business: (J. Bulen)**

Drafts of Graduate Council By-Laws were passed out. Council made suggestions for changes were made. Included in the changes-specify when members and officers should be elected and when terms begin and end. New officers for 2009-2010 will be elected at the first meeting in the fall. This meeting will include old and new members.

B. Price told the Council about the Graduate English Organization annual conference. We had a very impressive turnout as there were many students from other universities. Our students should be commended for the work they did in adverting the event.

B. Price brought up the subject of reviving the August commencement ceremony. Many students and faculty miss having the summer ceremony. After a discussion and suggestions on what could be done and if it should only include grad students, J. Bulen, M. Di Stefano, and B. Price offered to draft a letter from Grad Council to the Provost.

P. Cochran told the Council about the CMDS site visit by ASHA. It was decided meetings for the next academic year will be held in Barnett 2402.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.