

# The Graduate Council Minutes

March 15, 2001

3:00 p.m., Administration Building, Board Room

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**The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Council is Thursday, April 19, at 3:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, Board Room. Agenda items are due April 5, and the agenda will be distributed by April 12.**  
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**Note: Course changes and additions will not take effect until they are listed in the graduate catalog. Items marked with an asterisk (\*) must have approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board before listing in the graduate catalog.**

**Members present:** Combes (for Keller), Craig, Eubank (chair), Evenson (for Hartman), Glover, Hyten, Johnson, Kamman (for Burggren), McDonald (for Hazleton), Morrison, Pirtle, Schol (for Davis)Tate, Turner, White

**Visitors present:** Austen, Bays, Cokely, Senderson, Summers, Tobolowski, Walker

**I. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:** The council minutes from the February 15, 2001 meeting were approved as amended on a motion by Morrison and a second by Kamman.

## II. Announcements

A. Dr. Tate announced that the first round of Master's and Doctoral fellowships had been awarded and that there were 22 offers. He stated that all recipients and their departments had been notified. The second round of nominations are due April 6.

## III. Requests for New Courses

Item III.A.1. was tabled pending consultation with the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences. Item III.A.2. was unanimously approved after changes were made to the course description on a motion by Morrison and a second by Craig.

### A. Counseling, Development and Higher Education

1. Add: DFEC 5653 – Language Development in Young Children (3 hours)

A study of language acquisition, young children's communication and language diversity, age-appropriate characteristics of language development, and their instructional applications. Includes techniques for enhancing, assessing, and evaluating early language development.

Course Safety Category 1

2. Add: EDSS 5530 – Animal Assisted Therapy (3 hours)

Animal-assisted therapy is the incorporation of qualified animals into a therapeutic environment. The course will explore techniques to facilitate animal-assisted therapeutic interventions in a variety of settings, including schools, counseling agencies, hospitals, nursing homes, hospices, prisons, and facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities. A variety of animals can be suitable for therapy programs. You need not have an animal or pet to take the course.

Prerequisite(s): approval of instructor.

Course Safety Category 2 (Course Safety Evaluation Form attached)

The following requests were unanimously approved on a motion by Evenson and a second by Turner.

**B. Criminal Justice**

1. Add: CJUS 5100 – Information Warfare, Security and Risk Analysis (3 hours)

An in-depth examination of information warfare, the management of information security, and the analysis of risk within organizational contexts.

Course Safety Category 1

2. Add: CJUS 5120 – Cybercrime and Digital Forensics (3 hours)

An examination of crime using computers and the internet as their primary medium, with practical analyses of evidence of these crimes.

Course Safety Category 1

3. Add: CJUS 5150 – Information Policy, Law and Justice (3 hours)

A critical consideration of some of the public policy, legal, and societal justice implications of new information technology such as the internet.

Course Safety Category 1

**IV. Request for New Program**

None

**V. Request for Change in Program/Major/Degree/Option Requirements**

None

**VI. Request for Dual/Joint Degree Programs**

None

**VII. Consent Calendar**

The consent calendar was unanimously approved on a motion by Morrison and a second by Hyten.

**A. Request for Change in Existing Courses**

1. Accounting

- a. Change: ACCT 5800 – Internship (delete pass/no pass only option)

ACCT 5800 – Internship. 3 hours. A supervised productive and educationally meaningful work experience in a job related to the student's career objective. Prerequisite(s): meet employer's requirements and have consent of department chair. May be taken once for degree plan credit as a free elective.

2. Counseling, Development and Higher Education

- a. Change: EDSS 5540 – Women's Health Counseling (change course title)

EDSS 5540 – Women’s Emotional Health. 3 hours. This is an examination of counseling intervention techniques that are effective with women who have emotional, physical or spiritual health concerns. Such concerns may include, but are not limited to: victims of domestic violence or rape, survivors of childhood abuse, eating disorders, body-image dissatisfaction, low self-esteem, coping with cancer, depression, and coping with premenstrual syndrome and menopause. Prerequisite(s): approval of instructor.

3. Criminal Justice

- a. Change: CJUS 5250 – Administrative Law for Justice Professionals (change course title and description)

CJUS 5250 – Administrative Law and Justice. 3 hours. Discussion of the legal principles and doctrines applicable to the state and federal criminal justice agencies, including information policy, ethical and liability issues.

4. Library and Information Sciences

- a. Change: SLIS 5208 – Learning Resources Organization and Media (change course description)

SLIS 5208 – Learning Resources Organization and Media. 3 hours. Organization of print and nonprint collections, including descriptive cataloging, Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, Dewey Decimal Classification, Library of Congress and Sears Subject Headings, and MARC records. Media and media services, including media services to special populations. Library automation systems and their management.

5. Public Administration

- a. Change: PADM 5500 – Administrative Research Methods (change course title and description)

PADM 5500 – Administrative Research Methods I. 3 hours. Methods and techniques of applied research, research design and reporting, and statistical analysis.

- b. Change: PADM 5510 – Quantitative Analysis for Public Administration (change course title and description)

PADM 5510 – Administrative Research Methods II. 3 hours. This course covers advanced research methods and issues including research design, non-parametric testing, and regression analysis. Students gain experience in reporting and presenting research findings. Prerequisite(s): PADM 5500.

**B. Request for Course Deletion**

None

**VIII. Old Business**

None

**IX. New Business**

- A. Proposed policy guidelines for offering graduate academic certificate programs. (see attached) Dr. Tate gave a brief statement on the conference given by Brad Bartel, Provost of Florida Gulf Coast University, concerning graduate academic certificates. Since there are few graduate academic certificates offered by universities in the state of Texas, this would be an opportunity for UNT to be

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one of the first. The purpose of the certificates would be to enhance a student's existing bachelor's or master's degree or employment field. These graduate academic certificates would in no way take the place of or infringe upon outside certifications/endorsements or licensures. It's possible that courses used for the certificates could also be used as a minor on a graduate degree if the degree program choose to do so.

A motion was made by Morrison and seconded by Kamman to suspend rules for a second reading of the proposed policy. The motion was unanimously approved. A motion to approve the graduate academic certificate policy was made by Morrison and seconded by Combes. The motion was unanimously approved.