MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
Thursday, February 18, 2016

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. Items marked with a plus (+) must be approved by the Department of Education before being listed in the graduate catalog.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

II. MINUTES

II-1 Approval of December 2015 Meeting Minutes

III. ACTION ITEMS

Toulouse Graduate School

APPROVED

III-1 Approval of revised “use of transfer and extension credit”

APPROVED with discussion

III-2 Approval of revised “time limitation for master’s and doctoral degrees”
Discussion on the appropriateness of ten years and the validity of coursework exceeding that amount of time.

APPROVED with friendly amendment

III-3 Approval of “University of North Texas Graduate Student Leave of Absence Request Form”
Students would have to apply a second time if the leave of absence exceeds one year – up to a maximum of 2 years. Toulouse Graduate School will administer the form.
Friendly amendment: Add academic associate dean to the form for approval.

APPROVED with friendly amendment

III-4 Approval of revised master thesis committee composition requirements
Friendly amendment - Exclude interdisciplinary studies programs not housed under a specific department

APPROVED with friendly amendment

III-5 Approval of revised doctoral committee composition requirements
Friendly amendment - Exclude interdisciplinary studies programs not housed under a specific department
IV.  REQUEST FOR NEW COURSE

College of Arts and Sciences
Women and Gender Studies
Item IV-1 is requested for the 2016-17 catalog

APPROVED
IV-1  WGST 5400 Gender and Human Trafficking – 3 hours

Exploration of the rise of contemporary human trafficking internationally, nationally, and locally. Cultural and historical components; effects of gender, class, race, ethnicity; role of technology; and how trafficking patterns vary in different parts of the world. The complex challenges governmental institutions, faith-based entities, law enforcement, and non-governmental agencies face in addressing these issues.

Prerequisite(s): None

College of Engineering
Department of Computer Science and Engineering
APPROVED
IV-2  CSCE 5222 Feature Extraction and Image Processing – 3 hours

Fundamental theories and methods for image feature extraction, including methods for spatial and frequency image feature extraction, color, point operations, shape description, and image texture.

Prerequisite(s): None.

V.  REQUEST FOR ADD/DELETE OF PROGRAMS AND LOCAL CONCENTRATIONS

None

VI.  REQUEST FOR GRADUATE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES

None

VII.  REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN PROGRAM/ACADEMIC UNIT

College of Education
Department of Educational Psychology

APPROVED
VII-1  The Department of Education Psychology requests a change to the title of the Sport Pedagogy concentration.
College of Engineering
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

APPROVED
VII – 2 The Department of Computer Science and Engineering is requesting a change in requirements for the Master of Science in Computer Engineering

APPROVED
VII – 3 The Department of Computer Science and Engineering is requesting a change in requirements for the Master of Science in Computer Science.

VIII. REQUEST FOR ADD/DELETE OF DEGREE/ MAJOR/ PROFESSIONAL FIELD/CONCENTRATION/OPTION/MINOR/ACADEMIC UNIT

College of Arts and Sciences
Women’s & Gender Studies
Item VIII-1 is requested for the 2016-17 catalog

APPROVED
VIII -1 The College of Arts and Sciences is requesting the addition of a new major MA Women’s & Gender Studies

College of Education
Department of Educational Psychology

APPROVED
VIII – 2 The Department of Educational Psychology is requesting the deletion of the Transition Specialist in Emotional/Behavioral Disorders Certificate.

APPROVED
VIII – 3 The Department of Educational Psychology is requesting the deletion of the Specialist in Re-Integration of Students with Traumatic Brain Injury Certificate.

IX. REQUEST ADD/CHANGE TEACHER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
None

X. REQUEST FOR DUAL OR JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS
None

XI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Course Changes
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Chemistry
*Item XI-1 is requested for the 2016-17 catalog*

**APPROVED**

XI-1 Change: CHEM 6950 Doctoral Dissertation (Repeat status, and description)

**Women’s & Gender Studies**

*Items XI-2 – XI-7 are requested for the 2016-17 Catalog*

**APPROVED: Items XI-2 to XI-7**

XI-2 Change: WMST 5100 Feminist Theory (Prefix change) - Change prefix to WGST

XI-3 Change: WMST 5200 Gender and Globalization (Prefix change) - Change prefix to WGST

XI-4 Change: WMST 5800 Seminar in Women’s Studies (Prefix change) - Change prefix to WGST

XI-5 Change: WMST 5850 Professional Internship (Prefix change) - Change prefix to WGST

XI-6 Change: WMST 5900 Special Problems (Prefix change) - Change prefix to WGST

XI-7 Change: WMST 5950 Master’s Thesis (Prefix Change) - Change prefix to WGST

**College of Education**

**Department of Educational Psychology**

*Item XI-8 is requested for the 2016-17 catalog*

**APPROVED**

XI-8 Change: EPSY 6230 Theory and Application of Hierarchical Linear Modeling (Change Short Course Title)

**B. Course Delete**

**College of Arts and Sciences**

**Women’s & Gender Studies**

**APPROVED**

XI-9  Delete: WMST 6900 – Special Problems
      Prerequisites: Consent of the program director

**XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
XII-I The University of North Texas provided notification of closure of the Master of Arts with a major in Long Term Care, Senior Housing and Aging Services to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).