

**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.

Prerequisites: 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).