GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES  
Thursday, November 9, 2017  
WRNH 2147 – 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Matt Bice, Sharon Campbell, Bree Dority, Bruce Elder, Mark Ellis, Dena Harshbarger, Janet Steele, Mallory Wetherell, Ron Wirtz, and Shaun Mewes

ABSENT: John Bauer, Haishi Cao, David Hof, Michele McKelvey, Chuck Rowling, Jeanne Stolzer, Marguerite Tassi,

I. Approval of the October 12, 2017 Minutes – approved via email

II. Graduate Dean’s Report

A. Budget.  
The Deans have been meeting about budget cuts and then will present results to the Chancellor.

B. New Graduate Programs.  
New graduate programs are in process – Long Term Care Management and Public Communication.

C. Nominations for Gonfalon Carrier.  
Dr. Taylor encouraged nominations for gonfalon carriers be submitted to her by the end of next week.

III. Committee Reports

A. Policy & Planning Committee – no report.

B. Academic Programs Committee

For Graduate Council Information

The following courses have been tabled:

- JMC 801: Social and Emerging Media
- JMC 802: Media Technology and Narrative
- JMC 831: Critical Approaches to Media
- JMC 835: International Media and Society
- SPCH 803: Strategic Communication
- SPCH 804: Health Communication
- SPCH 825: Media and Public Policy
- SPCH 826: Social Movements
- SPCH 841: Science Communication
- SPCH 856: Quantitative Research Methods
- SPCH 875: Public Communication Practicum
- SPCH 876: Public Communication Thesis
- SPCH 883: Qualitative Research Methodology
- SPCH 899: Communication Theory
The following courses have been approved by Committee II:

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<td>PSCI 883P: Political Communication</td>
<td>Create Course – for new Master’s degree in Public Communication</td>
<td>Syllabus now includes P designation; information concerning difference between undergraduate and graduate components now included</td>
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<td>PSCI 884P: Media and Public Policy</td>
<td>Create Course – for new Master’s degree in Public Communication</td>
<td>Syllabus now includes P designation; information concerning difference between undergraduate and graduate components now included</td>
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<td>MATH 864: Geometry for Teachers</td>
<td>Create Course - additional options for Sci/Math Masters in Teaching program</td>
<td>Pending receipt of Syllabus course objectives</td>
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<td>TE 848: Formative Assessment and Successful Academic interventions for Elementary School Mathematics</td>
<td>Course Change - updating name and catalog description to be more reflective of current content</td>
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<td>TESE 824: Identification, Assessment, &amp; Evaluation of High Ability Learners</td>
<td>Course Change - updating course title, description and objectives to be consistent with language in Rule 24. Eliminating prerequisite to allow course to be taken as elective.</td>
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<td>TESE 825: Curriculum Design &amp; Development for High Ability Education</td>
<td>Course Change - updating course title, description and objectives to be consistent with language in Rule 24. Eliminating prerequisite to allow course to be taken as elective.</td>
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<td>TESE 826: Program Design for High Ability Education</td>
<td>Course Change - updating course title, description and objectives to be consistent with language in Rule 24. Eliminating prerequisite to allow course to be taken as elective.</td>
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**For Graduate Council Action**

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<td>Curriculum Supervisor of Academic Area, MAE</td>
<td>Program inactivation - Nebraska Department of Education has eliminated this endorsement</td>
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<td>History, MA</td>
<td>Program change - Replace comprehensive exam with academic portfolio</td>
<td>Aligns with expectations of other history department across the US, including UNL</td>
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<td>Long Term Care Management, MS</td>
<td>Create Program - Interdisciplinary degree designed to prepare students for careers in administration of long-term care facilities</td>
<td>Administered by Health Sciences Program; all courses existing; responding to student demand for degrees in health care without direct patient contact, recommends HIPAA be addressed in syllabus</td>
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<td>Special Education, MAE</td>
<td>Program change - Catalog does not match exact endorsement names for High Ability Education Emphasis, Behavior Intervention Specialist Emphasis, and Collaboration Specialist Emphasis</td>
<td>Changes are to makes names consistent between catalog and endorsement only; no changes to degree requirements.</td>
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All program changes come as a seconded motion to the Graduate Council. Motion Carried.

C. Faculty & Student Affairs Committee – Ellis informed the council of the thesis award winners. Arielle Roberts of English received the outstanding thesis for UNK and Madelina Cordia of History received the outstanding thesis for CNSS. Ron Judd of History was submitted as the MAGS nominee.

IV. Other Business

Dr. David Jackson, Dr. Susan Fritz, and the Graduate Deans are working on the system-wide graduate catalog. The Council will receive a draft of the catalog to review in the spring. The December meeting will most likely be an e-meeting due to a conflict with commencement practice. There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Janna Shanno, Recording Secretary