

Academic Council Minutes

March 21, 2018

Midwestern State University

The Academic Council met Wednesday, March 21, 2018, in the Dillard College of Business Administration, the Priddy Conference Room.

Voting members in attendance were:

Dr. Marcy Brown Marsden, Dean, College of Science and Mathematics
Dr. Martin Camacho, Dean, Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts
Dr. Matthew Capps, Dean, Gordon T. and Ellen West College of Education
Dr. Laura Fidelie, Faculty Senate Vice-Chair
Dr. Jeff Killion, Interim Dean, Gunn College of Health Sciences and Human Services
Mr. Damien DeSilva, Student Government Association Vice President
Dr. Jeff Stambaugh, Interim Dean, Dillard College of Business Administration
Dr. Sam Watson, Dean, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr. Kathryn Zuckweiler, Dean, Dr. Billie Doris McAda Graduate School

Other Attendees:

Dr. Kristen Garrison, Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Education and Assessment
Ms. Leah Hickman, Associate Director, Admissions
Ms. Darla English, Registrar
Dr. Clara Latham, University Librarian
Dr. Michael Mills, Director of International Education
Mr. Mario Ramirez, Student Involvement
Ms. Jamie Wilson, Associate Registrar

Dr. James Johnston, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, presided and the meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Johnston called for a motion to approve the December 2017 and February 2018 Minutes of the Academic Council. Dr. Zuckweiler made a motion that the minutes be adopted; Dr. Brown Marsden seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted. (closed)

Old Business

There being no Old Business to discuss, the Council moved on to New Business.

New Business

1. Dr. Brown Marsden made a motion to adopt the following undergraduate catalog changes for Computer Science. *Dr. Fidelie seconded and the motion was adopted.* (closed)

Change to Course Prerequisites, effective fall 2018

CMPS 3433. Introduction to Simulation

Prerequisites: **Minimum grade of C in** CMPS 2433

CMPS 4123. Database Management Systems

Prerequisites: **Minimum grade of C in CMPS 2433**

CMPS 4213. Introduction to Computer Graphics

Prerequisites: CMPS 2143, **Minimum grade of C in** CMPS 3013, MATH 1634

CMPS 4433. Computer Communications and Network

Prerequisites: **Minimum grades of C in** CMPS 2084 and CMPS 2433

CMPS 4453. Computer Architecture

Prerequisites: **Minimum grade of C in** CMPS 2084

2. Dr. Brown Marsden made a motion to adopt the following undergraduate catalog changes for Mathematics. *Dr. Killion seconded and the motion was adopted.* (closed)

Change to Course Prerequisites, effective fall 2018

Math 0053. Developmental Supplement for Contemporary Mathematics

Prerequisites: TSI-A math score of 336 OR ABEM score of 5 or 6

MATH 3004. Problem Solving and Discrete Mathematics

Prerequisites: Math 1433 or Math 1534, with a grade of C or better AND Math 2033 with a C or better or concurrent enrollment in Math 2033

3. Dr. Zuckweiler made a motion to adopt the following graduate catalog changes for Nursing. *Dr. Capps seconded and the motion was adopted.* (closed)

Effective fall 2019

Admission to the MSN Program

Consideration for admission to the MSN program at MSU requires completion of the following:

1. A completed application to the MSN Program which can be found online at <http://www.mwsu.edu/admissions/apply>;

2. A completed application to the Billie Doris McAda Graduate School at MSU which can be found online at <https://www.applytexas.org>;
3. Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended, which are to be sent directly to the Graduate School, 3410 Taft Boulevard, Wichita Falls, TX 76308;
- ~~4. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or GRE ScoreItNow for writing scores sent directly to the Graduate School; and~~
- 5 4.** Description of goals related to graduate study, which is the final section of the MSN application.

Admission Requirements for Students Holding a Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The Wilson School of Nursing endorses the Admissions Policy as set forth in the *Midwestern State University Graduate Catalog*. Refer to the section titled, “Admission to the Graduate School” for admission requirements.

In addition to the Graduate School requirements, the Wilson School of Nursing adds the following criteria for unconditional and conditional admissions.

A. Unconditional Admission

May be granted to an applicant who has the following:

1. An earned baccalaureate degree in nursing from a Department of Education recognized accrediting body of nursing programs. The Billie Doris McAda Graduate School must receive an official transcript, including one on which the bachelor’s degree is posted, directly from each institution the applicant has attended.
2. A GPA of at least 3.0 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate work exclusive of credit hours awarded by a two-year college.
- ~~3. An official score on the GRE or GRE ScoreItNow. The Graduate School must receive official admissions test scores directly from the organization which administers the test.~~
- 4 3.** Personal Interview with program coordinator and/or graduate faculty.
- 5 4.** Satisfactory score on the professional goal statement essay located on the MSN application.

B. Conditional Admission

A student who does not meet each of the above admission criteria may be conditionally admitted by review of the Graduate Curriculum and Standards Committee if the applicant has the following:

1. An earned baccalaureate degree in nursing from a Department of Education recognized accrediting body of nursing programs. The Graduate School must receive an official transcript, including one on which the bachelor’s degree is posted, directly from each institution the applicant has attended.
- ~~2. An official score on the GRE or GRE ScoreItNow. The Graduate School must receive official admissions test scores directly from the organization which administers the test.~~
- 3 2.** An undergraduate background judged by the Graduate Curriculum and Standards Committee to be adequate for success. The Graduate Curriculum and Standards Committee may require additional undergraduate credit for unconditional admission to

be granted. If so, the student must make a grade of no less than a “C” in undergraduate nursing leveling course work, or

- 4.3.** A student who is conditionally admitted must remove the condition by earning a grade of “B” or better in each of the first four graduate courses (which total at least 12 SCH) applicable to the student’s graduate major (FNP, PMHNP). These courses must be completed as designated in the degree plan, with no drops or incompletes. Courses may not be repeated. Exceptions for severe, extenuating circumstances may be granted jointly by the Chair of the Nursing Department and the Dean of the College of Health Sciences and Human Services. A student who is assessed additional undergraduate leveling work must complete that work at the direction of and to the satisfaction of the Graduate Curriculum and Standards Committee

4. Dr. Zuckweiler made a motion to adopt the following proposal for a Graduate School Academic Fresh Start Admission policy. *Dr. Fidelie seconded and the motion was adopted.* (closed)

Graduate School Academic Fresh Start Admission

Effective fall 2019

Upon application and prior to enrollment, a graduate student may request consideration for a “fresh start” when returning or applying to a graduate program leading to a master’s degree at Midwestern State University. The student must present a signed statement requesting consideration, and must not register until approval has been received. Once elected, the decision is not revocable. A “fresh start” is defined as beginning a graduate program and having the graduate academic record reflect that grades from courses taken previously for graduate credit are not to be considered in the GPA calculation for the new graduate program. All graduate courses previously taken and grades previously earned at Midwestern State University will remain on the student’s academic record.

To be considered for a fresh start, the student must submit a graduate admission application and a written statement of purpose for seeking readmission to the dean of the Dr. Billie Doris McAda Graduate School and must meet the following criteria:

1. A period of time of no less than three years has elapsed since the student last attended or was dismissed from an MSU graduate program;
2. The student’s previous graduate GPA is below the minimum required to earn a master’s degree (3.0 on a 4.0 scale);
3. The student meets current Graduate School admission requirements; and
4. The student has been recommended for admission to the program by the appropriate department.

Courses completed in a previous MSU graduate program for which the Academic Fresh Start was approved will not transfer nor be applied to the requirements of the new program. The new program, begun after the approval of the Academic Fresh Start, must be finished and the degree conferred within six years of the completion of the first course taken under the fresh start election. The student must complete a minimum of 30 semester credit hours, and the program of study must meet all departmental and Graduate School requirements.

Only one graduate career fresh start will be granted to any one graduate student at Midwestern State University. Final approval for a fresh start application rests with the dean of the Dr. Billie Doris McAda Graduate School. Because the permanent academic record is affected, once approved, the graduate student must remain enrolled through census date of the term to remain eligible for the permanent academic record to be documented.

Note: During discussion, a question was asked if the application process would be available for more than one time per student. The Fresh Start Admission process will only be permitted one time per student per Dr. Zuckweiler.

Additional Information

- Dr. Camacho invited everyone to attend the last events offered during the spring semester in Fine Arts. Information is available on their web site.
- Mr. Mills reported that it looks like this will be a record year for number of students attending Study Abroad programs.
- Dr. Brown Marsden reported that Paleontologist Dr. Scott Sampson will present “How To Raise A Wild Child” on April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Akin Auditorium. Tickets are free but must be picked up in her office. Dr. Sampson, known as Dr. Scott, is the host and science advisor of the Emmy-nominated PBS KIKDS television series *Dinosaur Train* produced by the Jim Henson company.
- Ms. Hickman reported that Mustangs Rally will be this Saturday and that Maroon & Gold will be at Hurst on Tuesday, April 3.
- Ms. English reported that they are sending out invitations to attend a Degree Works presentation.
- Dr. Latham invited everyone to attend Movie Night featuring Seoul Station, an animated zombie film.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted.

Deb Schulte
Assistant to the Provost