# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2016, GBB 202, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

*Members Present:* L. Broberg, F. Brown, C. Dumke, L. Economides J. Farnsworth, L. Frey, K. Harris, G. Morrill, M. Murphy, S. Ross, D. Schuldberg K. Swift
*Ex-Officio Present:* S. Whittenburg
*Members Absent/Excused:* G. Lind, C. Palmer

Call to Order

* The minutes from 11/2/16 and 11/9/16 were approved.

## Communications

* Members were informed that the Speech Language Pathology Proposal from 2006 was sent to Dean Humphrey for reference.

## Business Items

* The following Professional Schools Curriculum Items were approved.

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| **Counselor Education**  |
| Academic Request Form | Department name change  | New name Counseling and Global Service will incorporated Global Youth Development Program  |
| **Society & Conservation** |
| [NRSM 574 G](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/1248) | Perspectives in Human Dimen | Change other: alternate department offering, course exists in both departments |

* The following Social Science Item was approved. The remaining items in CSD items should be ready for approval at the next meeting.

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| **Public Health** |
| Academic Request Form | New Certificate | Public Health Administration |

* The following Science Curriculum Items were approved. There are some concerns regarding a few of the co-convened Mathematics courses. A follow-up request will be sent to the proposer. Physical Therapy recently reviewed its curriculum in preparation for upcoming accreditation. It submitted several requests to increase credits, some by a half credit. There are no other courses offered for half credit increments. The credit hour policy (put in place during the University’s accrediting visit) will be sent to the program for them to rethink their analysis. [VP Whittenburg checked with the Registrar regarding half credits. It would take a reprogramming of UMs reporting systems and therefore is cost prohibited.] Follow-up was received that addressed the concerns with the Dual degree program. These will be incorporated into the proposal.

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| **Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Sciences** |
| [PHAR 484 UG](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/786) | Intro to Toxicology | New course |
| [PHAR 485 UG](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/785) | Environmental Health | New course |
| [PHAR 486 UG](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/784) | Epidem Translational | New course |
| Academic Request Form | New Program  | Dual degree PharmD and MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Drug Design |

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| **Chemistry** |
| [CHMY 485 UG](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/1523) | Laboratory Safety | Change description |
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| **Mathematical Sciences** |
| [M 540 G](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/1540) | Numerical Methods | Change description, learning outcome, level, prereqs, title |
| [STAT 421 UG](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/1545) | Probability Theory | Change description |
| [STAT 422 UG](https://www.umt.edu/winapps/adminfin/eCurr/CourseForm/Index/1548) | Mathematical Statistics | Change description |

* The Council continued discussion regarding the proposed Occupational Therapy program. The message appended below was sent to Dean Humphrey. There would be a negative cash flow until there are enough students in the program. The state should help with the startup funding given the need. Apparently there will be a legislative request for UMHM, but it is unclear that this is for Occupational Therapy. Graduate Council’s review should consider the academic merit of programs. Funding concerns relate to the ability to offer quality programs. There have been too many instances of programs being approved with promises of funds that have not been delivered. In this case there will be no program if there is no funding. The message appended below was sent to Dean Humphrey.
* The Forestry Program review will be sent to members for discussion at the next meeting.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Thanks for coming to meet the GC last week.  The GC met again today and further discussed the OT therapy dept and MS proposal.  Other questions arose that I was asked to bring to you.

* In the current proposal a minimum GPA of 2.0 is proposed.  This is significantly below the Graduate School standard of 3.0.  Was this a typo?
* As you might guess, the ‘resources’ issue came up.  The GC is dealt a hard card in deciding to approve a proposal that has no identified source of support.  Dean and VP Whittenburg was in attendance today and he mentioned a UMHM initiative for a request for $ from the legislature.  Is this meant to be towards the OT proposal?
* After Camie sent the speech language path materials, is there anything you intend to add to the OT proposal?  It was mentioned that it was unusual that the OT proposal did not come with letters of support from other potentially affected programs, such as PT, CSD, speech path, or HHP.   I was told that the CSD proposal came with many letters of support.

We believe an OT program in MT is important, timely and necessary.  We just want to better understand how this will actually happen.  A $1 million needed startup appears like a major barrier in todays budgetary climate.