



# The Graduate School

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

### GRADUATE COUNCIL AGENDA January 23, 2012

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**To:** Graduate Council

Dr. Cheryl Addy, Chair; Drs., Deborah Brosdahl, Subra Bulusu, Wayne Carver, David Damofal, Edward Gatzke, John Grego, Michael Hodgson, Rhonda Jeffries, J. Daniel Jenkins, Lauren Sklaroff, Adela Vraciu, Kartik Kalaiganam, Michelle Maher, Srihari Nelakuditi, Joe Quattro, Paul Solomon, and Ercan Turk; Robynn Mackechnie, GSA Representative

**CC:** President Harris Pastides, Provost Michael Amiridis, Dr. Kristia Finnigan, Deans, Department Chairs, Graduate Directors, and graduate program administrators

**From:** Dr. Lacy Ford, Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

**RE:** Graduate Council Meeting Agenda for January 23, 2012

The Graduate Council will not meet on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 2:00 PM in Room 311 Byrnes but will rather vote on proposals electronically. The following items will be on the agenda:

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Cheryl Addy)
2. **Approval of minutes** ([Minutes of the November 28, 2011](#) and [December 5, 2011](#)) Approval actions by Graduate Council become effective 30 days after posting but due to the holiday schedule additional days have been allotted (Effective date January 16).[Copy on file at The Graduate School; also posted on The Graduate School website at <http://gradschool.sc.edu/gradcouncil/minutes/> ] as per policy.
3. **Report of the Chair** (Cheryl Addy)
4. **Report of the Dean of Graduate Studies** (Lacy Ford)
5. **Report of the Secretary of the Graduate Council / Associate Dean** (Nancy Zimmerman)

6. **Report of the Graduate Student Association Representative** (Robynn Mackechnie)

7. **Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee** (Joseph Quattro)

8. **Report of the 500/600 Level Courses Committee** (Nancy Zimmerman)

**DED approvals:**

**Spring 2012**

EDLP 755 Educational Policy Analysis (3)

9. **Fellowships and Scholarships Committee** (Wayne Carver)

- A series of deadlines for fellowship and award applications has been established, reference the following link: [Fellowship & Award Deadlines to Consider for 2001-2012](#)

10. **Report of Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (John Grego)

11. **Report of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (Deborah Brosdahl)

\*Please reference Dr. Brosdahl's notes at the following link: [Proposal notes](#)

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

***Educational Leadership & Policies***

New Course Proposal:

[EDHE 851 Comparative Higher Education \(3\)](#)

Introduces students to the study of higher education in other countries, including policy and governance, finance, student life, the professoriate and related issues in comparative perspective. Includes a study abroad component with additional fees.

Course Prerequisite: Permission of Instructor

[Effective: Summer I 2012]

**SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS**

Academic Program Action Proposal/Bulletin Change:

[School of Journalism & Mass Communications PhD](#)

Removal of the foreign language requirement in the SJMC is justified based on the following:

Other peer academic institutions in the Southeast no longer mandate fulfillment of a foreign language requirement (including Univ. of GA, UNC Chapel Hill, Univ. of FL).

SPAN 615, the most commonly taken course for fulfilling the foreign language requirement is not available during any of the listed upcoming semesters. The department chair has indicated that the course is not scheduled to be taught in upcoming semesters due to cost restraints.

Other schools and colleges in the University have eliminated the foreign language requirement for doctoral students.

Changes to the SJMC doctoral curriculum allowing students to take two of the following three courses (J804, 806, or 807) instead of requiring all three as core requirements is justified based on the following:

A desire for more flexibility in doctoral coursework and the ability for students to better balance methods and topical courses.

Revisions to the SJMC doctoral curriculum eliminating three of the six credit hours of J81 0 and therefore decreasing the overall course load to 57 hours from 60 hours is justified based on the following:

We have more course hours than many peer doctoral programs. An analysis of our peer doctoral programs found that, overall, we provide less funding for students and require more course hours.

Current students are struggling to complete the required course work during the three- year period they receive funding from the SJMC.

Three credit of J810, which requires a student to independently complete a research project, will remain in the curriculum. Faculty did not see a need for a student to take 6 credits hours of this course based on the widespread expectation for research papers in existing courses

[Effective: Fall 2012]

## **MOORE BUSINESS SCHOOL**

Academic Program Action Proposal/Bulletin Change:

### [APA International Business Dual Program](#)

This Double (Dual) Degree program between the University of South Carolina, Darla Moore School of Business (USC) and ESCP Europe. The program is designed as a double / dual degree program, which allows students to pursue degrees at both institutions. Each institution confers its own degree for work done to meet the graduation standards of the program of that institution. The program will give selected students from both institutions the opportunity to acquire the Master of International Business (MIB) from USC and the Master in Management (MiM) from ESCP Europe, through the recognition of academic coursework, in accordance with all curriculum requirements of each respective institution. The intended length of study for the double degree program shall be two years. Double degree students will spend two semesters at USC and two semesters at ESCP Europe. Students spend the first year at their home institution and spend the second year at the host institution.

In order to be awarded both degrees, students have to meet the requirements of both degrees. All requirements for the University of South Carolina degree will be met by courses taken at the University of South Carolina.

Requirements for the MiM degree will be met by the courses taken at the University of South Carolina and courses taken at ESCP Paris. Each institution will be the sole judge of whether a student has completed the requirement for the degree that it awards.

In answering the question in the Academic Program Actions (APA) form, the question regarding credit hours may need explanation. Students in the program take 30 credit hours at USC, all in the MIB program. These 30 credit hours satisfy the requirements for the MIB degree.

Students in the Master in Management program take a varying number of credit hours, depending on background and various specializations available. To receive the ESCP degree, students need to take at least 60 ECTS at ESCP (= 30 credit hours), equal to or greater than 50% of the total for both degrees.

In answering the question on delivery location, 100 % of the credit hours for the USC degree will be given via traditional face-to-face delivery at USC. Consequently, we have answered the question from the perspective of the two degrees, but the USC Department Chair is the signatory to the APA.

[Effective: Fall 2012]

**12. Report of the Petitions and Appeals Committee (Rhonda Jeffries)**

**13. Other Committee Reports**

**14. Old Business**

**15. New Business**

**16. Good of the Order**

**17. Adjournment**