Members Present: Dr. Donna Davis, Dr. Maurice Eftink (ex-officio), Dr. Jeffrey Hallam, Dr. Tim Letzring, Dr. David Nichols, Dr. Michael Repka, Dr. Julia Rholes (ex-officio), Mr. Philip Schwab, Dr. William Scott, Dr. Dawn Wilkins and Dr. Christy Wyandt (ex-officio).

Members Absent: Dr. Charles Eagles, Dr. Tom Lombardo, Dr. Charles Noble, and Dr. Karen Raber.

1. On a motion by Dr. Hallam seconded by Dr. Wilkins, the minutes of the meeting of 10/20/06 were approved.

2. a. On a motion by Dr. Scott seconded by Dr. Hallam the following course changes were approved:

MODERN LANGUAGES

CHANGE: EDCI 645. PRACTICUM IN TESOL. Supervised experiences in teaching English as a Foreign Language. (3)

TO: EDCI TESL 645. PRACTICUM IN TESOL TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE. Supervised field experiences in teaching English as a Foreign Second Language. Prerequisite: TESL 542 and English oral proficiency exam score of Advanced-Low on the ACTFL scale. (3)

CHANGE: EDCI 643. ADVANCED METHODS OF TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGES. A theoretical and practical approach to the teaching of foreign languages. (3)

TO: EDCI TESL 673. ADVANCED METHODS OF TEACHING SECOND FOREIGN LANGUAGES. A theoretical and practical approach to the teaching of foreign languages training of teachers in second languages. Prerequisite: FR 672, GERM 672, SPAN 672, or TESL 672. (Same as FR 673, GERM 673, and SPAN 673). (3).

b. On a motion by Dr. Scott, seconded by Dr. Hallam the following changes were not approved. The Council requested that the Department of Modern Languages clarify the meaning of the statement that the courses may be repeated once for credit.

CHANGE: FR 673. SEMINAR. May be repeated once for credit. (3).

TO: FR 673. SEMINAR. May be repeated once for credit. (Same as TESL 673). (3)

CHANGE: GERM 673. SEMINAR. May be repeated once for credit. (3)
TO: GERM 673. SEMINAR. May be repeated once for credit. (Same as TESL 673), (3).

CHANGE: SPAN 673. SEMINAR. (3).

TO: SPAN 673. SEMINAR. May be repeated once for credit. (Same as TESL 673), (3).

c. On a motion by Dr. Letzring, seconded by Dr. Wilkins the following course additions were approved.

MUSIC

ADD: MUS 551. ORFF LEVEL I. An introductory course in the Orff-Schulwerk approach to teaching music in the elementary school. The Orff approach emphasizes creativity through improvisation, movement, and playing of instruments and singing. The course will be taught according to the requirements set forth by the American Orff-Schulwerk Association. (3).

ADD: MUS 627. EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH IN MUSIC EDUCATION. This skills-oriented course focuses on the methodology of experimental research in music education. Students will be actively engaged in the selection and implementation of appropriate experimental designs and statistical analyses. (3).

d. On a motion by Dr. Letzring, seconded by Dr. Davis the following course change was approved.

PSYCHOLOGY

CHANGE: PSY 607. COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY. A review of the field of cognitive psychology. Topics include perception, attention, memory, language, decision making, reasoning, and problem solving. (Same as LING 506). (3).

TO: PSY 607. COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY. A review of the field of cognitive psychology. Topics include perception, attention, memory, language, decision making, reasoning, and problem solving. (Same as LING 506). (3).

3. On a motion by Dr. Hallam seconded by Dr. Davis the following course addition was approved.

Add: HP 646. INTRODUCTIONTO EPIDEMIOLOGY. An introduction to epidemiology, including factors governing health and disease. The course will focus on demographics, distribution, etiology and patterns of disease, disability or physiological conditions within populations. (3).

4. Graduate Policy Issues
a. On a motion by Dr. Scott, seconded by Dr. Davis the following definition of the external faculty member on a dissertation committee was approved:

Each department Chair or Graduate Program Director will be asked to establish a listing of faculty members who are considered to be core or associated members of the graduate program. An external faculty member for a dissertation committee in a specific program or department will then be defined as a member of the University of Mississippi faculty who is not a core or associated member of the graduate program as defined by the department.

b. On a motion by Dr. Letzring, seconded by Dr. Scott, the Council voted to accept the IELTS test of English in place of the TOEFL with a minimum passing score of 6.5.

c. On a motion by Dr. Wilkins, seconded by Dr. Letzring, the Council voted to establish the score of 79 as the minimum passing grade on the internet based TOEFL.

5. The meeting was adjourned.

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Maurice Eftink, Dean

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Robert C. Khayat, Chancellor

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