Members Present: Dr. John Bentley (ex-officio), Dr. Donna Davis, Ms. Darlene Dempster, Dr. Maurice Eftink (ex-officio), Dr. Jeffrey Hallam, Dr. Timothy Letzring, Dr. David Nichols, Dr. Tyrus McCarty (ex-officio), Dr. Charlie Noble, Dr. Julia Rholes (ex-officio), Dr. Karen Raber, Dr. John Rimoldi, Dr. Dawn Wilkins and Dr. Christy Wyandt (ex-officio).

Members Absent: Dr. William Scott

Guests: Dr. Linda Chitwood, Dr. Stephen Mallory, Dr. David McElreath, and Ms. Kim Shackelford

1. Dr. Chitwood and Ms. Shackelford presented the proposal for the creation of the degree of Master of Social Work.

2. Dr. Chitwood, Dr. Mallory and Dr. McElreath presented the proposal for the creation of the degree of Master of Criminal Justice.

3. On a motion by Ms. Dempster seconded by Dr. Davis, the minutes of the meeting of 3/24/06 were approved.

4. On a motion by Dr. Rimoldi, seconded by Dr. Wilkins, the following request from the Department of Mathematics was approved:

CHANGE: MATH 533. TOPICS IN EUCLIDEAN GEOMETRY. A study of incidence geometry; distance and congruence; separation; angular measure; congruences between triangles; inequalities; parallel postulate; similarities between triangles; circle area. (3).

TO: MATH 533. TOPICS IN EUCLIDEAN GEOMETRY. A study of incidence geometry; distance and congruence; separation; angular measure; congruences between triangles; inequalities; parallel postulate; similarities between triangles; circle area. Prerequisite: MATH 305 or graduate standing (3).

5. On a motion by Dr. Hallam seconded by Dr. Letzring the following request from the Department of Modern Languages was approved:

On page 64 of the 2004-05 Graduate Catalog:
CHANGE: MASTER OF ARTS
Prerequisites: The Master of Arts degree with a major in a modern language requires, as a prerequisite, 30 hours (including high school credits) in the language in which the student intends to major (French, German, or Spanish) or a total of 30 hours in two or three languages, ancient and/or modern, provided that there are at least 18 hours in the major language. In extraordinary cases this prerequisite may be modified.

TO: MASTER OF ARTS
Prerequisites: The **Master of Arts in Modern Languages** degree with a major specialization in a modern language requires, as a prerequisite, 30 hours of course work (including high school credits) in the language in which the student intends to **major specialize** (French, German, or Spanish) or a total of 30 hours in two or three languages, ancient and/or modern, provided that there are at least 18 hours in the major language. In extraordinary cases this prerequisite may be modified.

6. On a motion by Dr. Hallam seconded by Dr. Letzring the following request from the Department of Music was approved:

**ADD:** MUS 545, 546. **UNIVERSITY CHORUS.** Rehearsal and performance of works for men’s, women’s, and mixed chorus. (2, 2).

7. Consideration of the proposal from Legal Studies was deferred until the next meeting of the Council to allow sufficient time for consideration.

8. On a motion by Dr. Wilkins seconded by Dr. Noble the request by the School of Applied Science to seek permission to add the Master of Social Work degree was approved.

9. On a motion by Dr. Letzring seconded by Dr. Hallam the following items from the School of Education were approved:

Prerequisite changes as indicated for the following courses:

COUN 693. Remove COUN 683 as a prerequisite

COUN 674. Remove COUN 503 as a prerequisite

**ADD:** EDLD 669. Human Resources in Higher Education. (3).

10. On a motion by Dr. Rimoldi, seconded by Dr. Noble the attached catalog change was approved. The changes clarify the meaning of the intervening semester that is required between when a dissertation prospectus is approved and when the dissertation may be defended.

11. The meeting was adjourned.

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Maurice Eftink, Dean

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Robert C. Khayat, Chancellor
The minutes of the Graduate Council are unofficial until approved by the Chancellor.

Proposed changes in the Doctoral Programs Requirements part of the Catalog

**Comprehensive Examinations and Admission to Candidacy** - All doctoral students must successfully complete a comprehensive examination. Upon completion of this examination, the student is admitted to candidacy.

The purpose of this examination is to establish that the student has satisfactorily mastered the body of academic material appropriate to the degree. Though academic programs have broad latitude in the design of comprehensive examinations, the following guidelines should be followed. The examination may be either a single test or a set of tests. The examination must be written; however, departments may require that part of the examination be oral. The examination may be constructed and evaluated by the student’s dissertation advisory committee or by a separate committee. To sit for the examination, a student must be in full-standing status, must have satisfied any foreign language requirement, must have a graduate grade-point average of 3.0 or above, and must not have an outstanding I grade. If a graduate program has an extra departmental concentration area of more than 12 hours, a component of the comprehensive examination must include testing over this concentration area and this testing must be done by faculty in the second department. Upon completion of all components of a comprehensive examination and notification to the Graduate School, the student is considered to be a candidate for the degree. In general, this status signifies that the individual has completed all or nearly all of the program course work and has entered the formal dissertation (or doctoral essay) stage of the program. Ordinarily, the comprehensive examination should be completed before the dissertation prospectus is defended.

In any situation in which a student wishes to appeal the results of his or her comprehensive examination, he or she may appeal following procedures in the Graduate Student Appeal Process.

**Continuous Enrollment** - Upon admission to candidacy, a doctoral student is expected to maintain continuous enrollment. Minimum enrollment to fulfill this requirement is 3 hours for Fall, Spring or Summer terms, with enrollment for at least two of these three periods being required for any 12 month period. (Note that the minimum enrollment during the Summer would be one hour if the enrollment is not to satisfy the continuous enrollment policy.)

**Penalty Clause** - The penalty for failure to maintain continuous enrollment, following admission to candidacy, is a fee equal to the tuition charge that would be necessary to have maintained continuous enrollment for the most recent twelve month period.

*Under requirements for the PhD degree.*
Dissertation Prospectus - ........ The dissertation prospectus oral defense and completion of the dissertation defense cannot occur during the same full term (Fall, Spring, full Summer) and there must be a minimum of four calendar months between these events.
Previously adopted new wording for a UM policy (under doctoral degree requirements).

**Time Limit** • All required formal course work and the comprehensive exam should be completed within four calendar years of initial enrollment into degree seeking (conditional or full standing) status, whether a student begins the doctoral program following completion of a bachelor=s or a master=s degree. After passing the comprehensive exam, a student becomes a candidate for the doctoral degree and must complete all remaining requirements, including the written dissertation and its defense, within five calendar years. If a candidate does not complete all requirements within this time the Graduate School will change the student’s status to non-degree seeking.

The Graduate School may grant a one-year extension to this time limit for serious, non-academic hardships (e.g., military duty, pregnancy, illness, or problems within the student=’s immediate family).

Additionally, a student may petition his or her academic program for a limited extension for a reason unrelated to personal hardship. If an academic program grants an extension, it may also impose additional requirements, which may include passing another comprehensive examination, more course work, and/or other appropriate remedies. Any extension plan accepted by the candidate and the academic program must be approved by the Graduate School.
Doctoral Programs

Requirements for the Doctorate! In addition to the above AGeneral Requirements for all Higher Degrees@ and those requirements listed below, additional program requirements may be found in the description of individual graduate degree programs in the Academic Structure.

Course Requirements! The aim of the doctoral program is to afford instruction and guidance leading to the mastery of a major field. Specific course requirements as deemed necessary are stipulated by the student=s advisory committee. In certain instances, a student may be required to take courses in a minor field. For students required to take a minor, a specific program will be formulated.

Degree Credit Requirement! To fulfill the degree credit requirement, the student must (a) have completed three years (54 hours) of study beyond the bachelor=s degree; (b) have completed a minimum of two years (36 hours) of graduate study at The University of Mississippi; and (c) have completed a minimum of one year (18 hours) of graduate work in continuous residence.

Where course work (excluding dissertation hours) is required for the degree, at least one-half, up to 30 hours, must be completed at The University of Mississippi.

Certain nontraditional graduate programs have been approved for delivery at off-campus sites, including centers at Tupelo and Jackson. Course work taken at these sites can fulfill the above requirements.

Preliminary Examination! At or near the beginning of the student=s work beyond the master=s degree, the department or school may require a preliminary examination to determine the student=s qualifications to undertake a program leading to the doctorate and to assist the student=s adviser in planning the student=s program.

(The section below must be changed to reflex recent Council action.)

Time Limit! The total duration of study for a doctoral degree may not exceed seven years. It is expected that students will have been admitted to candidacy, i.e., passed all parts of their comprehensive examinations, within four years.

Students who have not defended a dissertation prospectus within seven years will forfeit all credit earned toward the doctorate. However, students who do not complete all requirements for the degree within seven years may appeal to re-defend their prospectus in oral examination. The prospectus committee may be the same or may be different from the previous committee. The prospectus topic may be the same or different from that presented earlier. If it is the same, the student must review work published in the last five years that impacts the proposed dissertation. The faculty may question the student to assess competency to perform the proposed work. As a result of this questioning, the department may require the student to take another written
comprehensive examination, take specific courses, or other remedies deemed appropriate by the faculty. Successful presentation and adoption of the prospectus, as determined by a unanimous vote of the committee, and the completion of any other requirements, will extend up to two years the student’s eligibility to graduate.

Transfer Credit! See Transfer of Graduate Credit From Another Institution.

(The proposed change would be inserted here.)

Admission to Candidacy for the Doctorate—Upon notification to the Graduate School that a doctoral student has successfully completed all portions of a comprehensive examination, the student will be admitted to candidacy.

Continuous Enrollment! After admission to candidacy, enrollment must be continuous. Continuous enrollment is defined as enrollment for at least 3 semester hours credit during two of the three terms of the calendar year: fall, spring, summer. Minimum enrollment for any summer term would be 1 hour if this enrollment were not to satisfy the Continuous Enrollment Policy.

Penalty Clause! The penalty for failure to maintain continuous enrollment is a fee equal to 6 hours of tuition for each semester of suspended enrollment.

Foreign Language Requirement! The foreign language requirement is determined by each department or school.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Comprehensive Examinations! There must be at least one intervening semester between the semester in which the comprehensive examination is completed and the semester in which the final oral examination is given. The entire summer session (both terms) is considered to be the equivalent of one semester. The comprehensive examination may not be taken until after the student has been admitted in full standing to the degree program, has satisfied any foreign language requirement, and has completed all or nearly all of the program of course work. Students in programs offering cumulative examinations may not undertake the last two examinations until they have met the above requirements.

Students with outstanding I grades or a grade point average of less than 3.0 are not eligible to take comprehensive examinations. The comprehensive examination will be a written examination; however, departments may require that part of the examination be oral. The examination will require the student to demonstrate full competence in all phases of the degree program. Extra-departmental areas of concentration of more than 12 hours that are required in the degree program must be examined by the department offering those courses. In any situation
in which a student wishes to appeal the results received on his or her comprehensive examinations, he or she should contact the dean of the Graduate School for a copy of the Graduate School Appeal Process, which shall apply in this case.

Dissertation Prospectus! A Dissertation Prospectus Committee will be appointed by the chair of the department to which the student has been admitted. The chair of this committee must be a full member of the graduate faculty. A minimum of two additional members of the department and one member external of the discipline comprise a committee, all of whom must be members of the graduate faculty. The dissertation prospectus must be defended in oral examination and, in its final approved form, submitted to the Graduate School. The form of the dissertation prospectus will be determined by the committee. There must be one intervening semester between the defense of the dissertation prospectus and a defense of the dissertation. *(The proposed change would replace the last sentence.)*

Dissertation! A minimum enrollment of 18 hours of dissertation credit is required of every Ph.D. student. The dissertation must conform to the regulations governing style set forth in *A Manual of Thesis and Dissertation Preparation*, available in the Graduate School. Two copies of the dissertation must be presented to the Graduate School after the final examination for the doctorate has been accepted and before the beginning of the regular examination period for the semester in which the candidate plans to graduate.

Binding and Microfilming! A fee of $88 for binding and microfilming doctoral dissertations must be paid at the Office of the Bursar and the receipt presented to the Graduate School Office. The microfilming fee covers the cost of microfilming the dissertation, the storage of the negatives by University Microfilms, the printing of the abstract in Dissertation Abstracts, the cost of one positive to be placed in the library of the University, and transportation charges. It is recommended, but not required, that the candidate copyright the dissertation; copyright fee is $45.

Final Oral Examination! Every candidate for the Ph.D. degree must successfully pass a final oral examination (defense of dissertation) administered by the student=s dissertation committee and scheduled by the Graduate School. The committee shall direct the examination primarily to the defense of the dissertation, though it may include material from the student=s major and/or minor fields. Departments may require in addition a written examination, but the oral examination must be conducted. The oral examination may be given only after the dissertation is in final form (that is, ready for submission to the Graduate School except for corrections required by the examining committee at the oral examination). The dean of the Graduate School will not schedule oral examinations during the regular University examination periods at the end of enrollment periods or when the University is officially closed.

DOCTOR OF ARTS
The Doctor of Arts degree programs in chemistry and music have been designed to prepare teachers who possess a comprehensive knowledge of their academic area of interest and an ability to perform effectively in the classroom. Unlike the Doctor of Philosophy degree in which the primary emphasis is placed upon research, the Doctor of Arts degree program places stress upon the breadth of the candidate’s knowledge and the attainment of teaching skills.

General Requirements! The general requirements for the Doctor of Arts degree include the completion of the master’s degree or its equivalent in the candidate’s subject matter area before admission to the program, the completion of 60 hours of course work or the equivalent with a grade-point average of 3.0 or above, the writing of a doctoral essay or thesis, the passing of a comprehensive examination, and the completion of an internship supervised by members of the graduate faculty in the area of concentration.

Comprehensive Examination! Departments giving the Doctor of Arts degree have the option of making comprehensive the final examination for the degree or of requiring the student to defend a thesis or doctoral essay in an additional final oral examination. The comprehensive examination may not be taken until after the student has been formally admitted in full standing to the degree program, has satisfied the foreign language requirement, and has completed all or nearly all of the program of course work. Students in programs offering cumulative examinations may not undertake the last two examinations until they have met the above requirements. Students with outstanding I grades or a grade-point average of less than 3.0 are not eligible to take comprehensive examinations. The comprehensive examination will be a written examination; however, departments may require that part of the examination be oral. The examination will require the student to demonstrate full competence in all phases of the degree program. Extra-departmental areas of concentration of more than 12 hours that are required in the degree program must be examined by the department offering those courses. In any situation in which a student wishes to appeal the results received on his or her comprehensive examinations, he or she should contact the dean of the Graduate School for a copy of the Graduate School Appeal Process, which shall apply in this case.

(Nota: The first sentence from the above paragraph is moved to the first sentence of the following paragraph.)

Doctoral Essay! Departments giving the Doctor of Arts degree have the option of making comprehensive the final examination for the degree or of requiring the student to defend a thesis or doctoral essay in an additional final oral examination. The doctoral essay or thesis for the Doctor of Arts degree must conform to the regulations governing style set forth in A Manual of Thesis and Dissertation Preparation, available in the Graduate School. Two copies must be presented to the Graduate School after the final examination for the doctorate has been accepted and before the beginning of the regular examination period for the semester in which the candidate plans to graduate.
Binding and Microfilming! A fee of $7 payable at the Bursar=s Office will be charged for doctoral essays or theses in the Doctor of Arts program; a receipt for this fee must be presented to the Graduate School.

Final Oral Examination! Unless required by their departments, Doctor of Arts students are exempt from the requirement of a final examination. If requested to do so, the dean of the Graduate School will appoint an examining committee for a final oral examination.

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

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