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GRADUATE COUNCIL ELECTRONIC MEETING
January 26, 2009

There was only one curriculum item and no graduate faculty nominations; therefore Graduate Council did not to meet in the Dick Smith Library Multi-purpose Room.

Brandon Shipman sent an agenda with one curriculum item for the Dept. of Psychology & Counseling. Dr. Weissenburger, Council member and Department Head, posted the rationale as presented below. Members were asked to vote by email response by 1/27/2009.

Curriculum Items

09009 New Course (PSY 522) Psychology & Counseling

PSY 522 - Psychometrics is a new course intended for students in the Master of Science in Educational Psychology, Experimental Psychology program. For students in this program, it replaces the current course in psychological testing (PSY 581) which is designed for practitioners. This new course will consider the logic of measurement, scaling models, validity, variance, covariance, reliability, factor analysis, bias, item response theory, theories of measurement error, test construction, and other related topics. The course was previously submitted to the Graduate Council for approval but was sent back to the department for revision of the intended student outcomes. These outcomes have been revised to reflect a level of rigor that is more appropriate to graduate education. Before Dr. Weissenburger withdrew this course from consideration, he indicated a review in order to increase the rigor that was needed in the master syllabus and that course enrollment requirements also needed to be edited.

Curriculum item 09009 was approved.

Dr. Jones reminded the group of the next meeting date of February 16th in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
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