

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 14, 2009

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, April 14, 2009, in the Rayburn Student Center Pride Conference Room (#231) at 3:00 p.m. with Dean Allan D. Headley presiding. Present were: Dr. Ken Alford, Dr. Donna Dunbar-Odom, Dr. John Hanners, Dr. John Humphreys, Dr. Ben Jang, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Dr. Sharon Kowalsky, Ms. LeAnn Nash, Dr. Linda Openshaw, Dr. Chester Robinson, Ms. Stacey Stancik, Dr. Jon Travis, Dr. Janet Walker. Dr. Harry Fullwood, Dr. Steven Shwiff and Dr. Dayle Yeager were absent. Dr. Mary Beth Sampson, Vice Chair, was also in attendance.

Action Items

The minutes from the last Graduate Council, March 10, 2009, were approved.

Committee on Curriculum

Council was presented with a list of curriculum changes for 2009-10 that were approved by the Graduate Dean. These changes included minor changes and deletion of courses.

AGED 518	THESIS	Change Course
AGED 570	INSTRUCTIONAL MANAGEMENT	Change Course
AGED 571	PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	Change Course
AGED 572	SPECIAL POPULATIONS	Change Course
AGED 573	PRACTICUM IN TEACHING	Change Course
AGED 574	ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION	Change Course
AGED 589	INDEPENDENT STUDY	Change Course
AGED 597	SPECIAL TOPICS	Change Course
HIST 518	THESIS	Change Course
HIST 520	SEM WESTWARD MOVE	Change Course
HIST 521	RDGS LATIN AM HIST	Change Course
HIST 540	TOPICS IN EUROPEAN HISTORY	Change Course
HIST 542	RDGS IN MEDIEVAL EUROPEAN HIST	Change Course
HIST 543	EUROPE 1650-1789	Change Course
HIST 544	EUROPE 1789-PRESENT	Change Course
HIST 550	TOPICS IN AMERICAN HISTORY	Change Course
HIST 551	RDGS IN COLONIAL N AMER HIST	Change Course
HIST 552	RDGS IN U.S. REVOL AMER HIST	Change Course
HIST 553	RDGS IN U.S. HISTORY, 1850-192	Change Course
HIST 554	RDGS IN U.S HISTORY FROM 1920	Change Course
HIST 555	TOPICS IN HISTORY MID/HS TCH	Change Course
SPA 535	LATIN AM LIT 18 & 19 CENT	Change Course

Dr. Hanners presented the committee report on curriculum/course outline changes recommended for 2009-2010. The following were unanimously approved by the Council:

AFE 595	Res Lit Tech	Add/Reinstate Course
ENG 563	Publishing	Add/Reinstate Course
HIST 595	RESEARCH LIT TECH	Change Course
MATH 560	Euclidean/nonEuclid Geom	Add/Reinstate Course
PHYS 550	Nuclear Astrophysics	Add/Reinstate Course
THE 550	Theatrical Design	Add/Reinstate Course

Curriculum Outlines

The Council asked for additional information for FLL 505 and FLL 506.

Dr. Hanners presented the committee report on a request from the Department of Literature & Languages to use American Sign Language as a foreign language in the fulfillment of the graduate-level language requirements. The Council unanimously approved the request.

Committee on Graduate Faculty, Research and Instruction

Dr. Chester Robinson presented the committee report on graduate faculty membership. The Council approved associate membership for Dr. JoAnn DiGeorgio-Lutz (Political Science) and Dr. Melinda Schlager (Sociology & Criminal Justice). The Council also approved senior membership for Dr. Merry Boggs (Curriculum & Instruction).

Dr. Robinson presented the committee report for senior membership review. The Council approved continued senior membership for six years for Dr. Jeff Kopachena (Biological & Environmental Sciences).

Discussion Items

The Council discussed whether the Graduate School should approve admissions for students that receive a three-year degree from a foreign institution that is a member of the Bologna Agreement. After reviewing the admissions procedure and graduate catalog information they supported this action.

Information Items

Dr. Sampson presented an update on the Graduate Expo held at the Mesquite Metroplex Center
Senior Week is being held this week
Thesis/Dissertation Summer Fellowship applications due May 1, 2009
Graduate Council will meet April 28, 2009 (last meeting for 2009-10)

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 4:00.

Louise Skinner
Secretary to the Graduate Council