

Graduate Council Minutes
April 11, 2006

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, April 11, 2006, in the MSC Boardroom at 3:00 p.m. with Dean Allan D. Headley presiding. Members present were: Dr. Hasan Coskun, Dr. Sue Espinoza, Mr. Alan Francis, Dr. Dick Fulkerson, Dr. John Hanners, Dr. Ben Jang, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Dr. Chester Robinson, Dr. Janet Walker, and Dr. Mary Beth Sampson. Members absent were: Mr. Gagandeep Bhatia, Dr. Wendell Edwards, Dr. Cynthia Harr, Dr. Chris Myers, Dr. Steven Shwiff, and Dr. Dayle Yeager. Dr. Jon Travis, Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies & Research, was also in attendance.

Dean Headley called the meeting to order.

Action Items

The minutes from the last Graduate Council, February 11, 2006, were approved.

Report from Committee on Faculty, Research & Instruction

Dr. Fulkerson presented the committee report on Senior Faculty Reviews for Spring 2006. Dr. Harry Fullwood was approved for continued senior graduate faculty membership.

Report from Committee on Curriculum

Dr. Robinson presented the committee report on additional 2006-07 Curriculum Changes that were approved by the Council by e-mail. The changes were:

EdAd 658	new course
Coun 551	change in grading format
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Mgt 501	change in title and description
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Dr. Robinson presented an additional change in course description for COUN 660. The curriculum was approved by the Council.

Dr. Robinson presented a proposal on Graduate-Level Certificates. After a lengthy discussion, the Council approved a revised version of the proposal. Dr. Robinson will discuss the changes with the Committee before the proposal is forwarded to Deans Council.

Dr. Robinson gave an overview of a proposal for a Master of Science degree in Science Education. Dr. Gil Naizer discussed the proposal with the Council. He was asked to address the Council's questions and concerns about the proposal before final approval is given.

Report from Committee on Administration

Dr. Jeff Kopachena presented the committee report on changes to Procedure A12.06 *The Graduate Council*. The proposal would change the Dean of Graduate Studies & Research to an Ex Officio member. The Assistant Dean will be an Ex Officio member and serve as Vice Chair of the Graduate Council. Changes to this procedure require a vote by two-thirds of the Graduate Council, and two-thirds were not present. The changes will be distributed by e-mail and Council members are asked to respond with their vote.

Report from Scholarship Committee

Dr. John Hanners, Chair of the Scholarship Committee presented the committee report on the recipients of the H.M. Lafferty Scholarships and the Jerry & Marilyn Morris Distinguished Student Awards. Other members of the Committee are: Dr. Ray Green, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Dr. Kathryn Jacobs, Dr. Chris Myers and Dr. Mary Beth Sampson.

The Council unanimously approved the committee recommendation for the following:

Two H.M. Lafferty Scholarships (\$250 each):

Courtney Kernek, Psychology & Special Education
Mei Jang, Psychology & Special Education

Jerry & Marilyn Morris Distinguished Doctoral Student \$1,250
Savita Abrahams, Counseling

Jerry & Marilyn Morris Distinguished Master's Student \$1,000
Megan Besozzi, Psychology & Special Education

Jerry & Marilyn Morris Outstanding Doctoral Students are:
Savita Abrahams, Counseling; Sau Hou Chang, Psychology & Special Education; Robert Rich, Educational Administration; Kent Ross, Literature & Languages; Jody Sheppard, Secondary & Higher Education; Crystal Torti, Elementary Education

Jerry & Marilyn Morris Outstanding Master's Students are:
Travis Ball, Marketing & Management; Jeff Bell, Health and Human Performance; Mary Ann Benavides, Educational Administration; Megan Besozzi, Psychology and Special Education; Omar Brown, Business Administration; Katie Chenoweth, Marketing & Management; Christian E. Galloway, Mass Media, Communications & Theatre; Daniel Hathcoat, Agricultural Sciences; Jeremy Hurley, Literature and Languages; David Mickelson, Industrial Engineering & Technology; Elizabeth Peters, Elementary Education; Emily Shipman, Counseling; Holly Stovall, Mathematics; Deborah Sue Williams, Secondary & Higher Education; Michael D. Winegarden, Art

Information Items

Graduate Council Elections are currently underway.

Graduate School Expo is Saturday, April 29, 2006.

The proposal to eliminate the GRE from the Admissions Criteria for the doctoral degree program in English was not approved at the President's Advisory Council.

Dr. Travis gave a report on the Thesis/Dissertation Workshop held March 24th.

Dr. Headley gave a report on Graduate Program Reviews.

Dean Headley announced changes in Graduate School Staff:

Diana Wilburn will assume duties as Doctoral Degree Coordinator. She will also work with students, faculty, and staff in the College of Business & Technology.

Natalie Henderson will assume duties as Sponsored Programs Coordinator.

Amy Sims, the newest staff member, is a Graduate Student Services Coordinator who will work with students, faculty and staff in the College of Education and Human Services.

Applications for Summer Thesis/Dissertation Fellowships are due April 17, 2006.

Junior Faculty Symposium will be April 19, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. Dr. John Hanners, Dr. Wayne Linek, Dr. Augustine Arize and Dr. Kathryn Jacobs will serve on the panel.

Next Meeting: September 2006

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Louise Skinner
Secretary to the Graduate Council