

Graduate Council Minutes  
April 13, 2004

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, April 13, 2004, in the MSC Boardroom at 3:00 p.m. with Interim Dean Elton Stetson presiding. Members present were: Dr. Wendell Edwards, Dr. Ray Green, Dr. Ted Hansen, Dr. Wayne Linek, Mr. Michael Miller, Dr. Chester Robinson, Dr. Jon Travis, Ms. Ka Sai Un, Dr. Janet Walker, and Dr. Sandy Weeks. Members absent were: Dr. Judy Ford, Dr. Dick Fulkerson, Dr. Dale Funderburk, Dr. Shawn Carraher, Mr. Pradeep Mallareddygari, Dr. R. N. Singh, and Dr. Dayle Yeager.

**Dr. Stetson called the meeting to order.**

**Action Items**

1. **Minutes.** The March 9, 2004, Council minutes were approved.

**Report from Committee on Curriculum**

2. Dr. Linek presented the committee report on the proposal by Elementary Education to offer the EDD in SCI—Elementary Education at the Mesquite Metroplex Center. The motion to accept the report was made by Dr. Linek and seconded by Dr. Travis.
3. Dr. Linek presented the committee report on additional curriculum changes (Rdg 692, EIED 691 and Psy 505) for 2004-05. He made the motion to approve the changes that were recommended by the committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Green and approved by the Council.
4. Dr. Linek presented a proposal and made the motion to amend procedure *A11.49 Graduate Level Courses by Independent Study* to change the maximum number of 89s permissible to 25 % of the required courses. Students pursuing a doctoral degree would be limited to twelve hours of 89s excluding master's credit. Dr. Green seconded and the Council unanimously approved the motion.
5. Dr. Linek presented changes to *Procedure A03.02 Development of New Courses and Catalog Revisions* to include a review by the Graduate Council when graduate programs or courses were involved. The suggestions will be forwarded to the Provost Office.

**Report from Committee on Administration**

6. Dr. Walker presented the committee report to make changes to A11.40 Academic Probation, Retention and Suspension from Graduate Programs. The proposed changes would reduce the length of the suspension from a master's degree program to three years and would exclude duplicated (same prefix, number and title) courses in the calculation of the suspension due to excessive grades below B for master's degree students. Dr. Walker made the motion to accept the committee report and Dr. Linek seconded with a unanimous vote by the Council to approve.

**\*Report from Committee on Faculty, Research & Instruction**

7. Dr. Travis submitted the committee report on requests for graduate faculty status. He moved that Associate membership be awarded to Dr. Karla Hase. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robinson and approved by the Council.

8. Dr. Travis submitted the committee report concerning an appeal to expel a student for academic dishonesty. The Committee recommended to the Council that it uphold the recommendation of the department, College Dean, and Graduate Dean that the student be expelled for plagiarism on her 595 paper. The Council upheld the suspension.

\*student representatives were not present during the committee reports and Graduate Council decisions.

### **Graduate Council Scholarships**

9. Dr. Green presented changes to simplify the process for awarding the Distinguished Dissertation award. We will not require the nominees to submit letters of recommendation and a copy of the dissertation. Once nominated, the dissertation will be made available to the committee by the Graduate School. Decisions will be made solely on the quality of the dissertation. Dr. Linek seconded the motion and the Graduate Council unanimously approved.
10. Dr. Sandy Weeks presented the names of the following master's scholarships:

Connie Meyer	Jerry & Marilyn Morris Distinguished Master's Student
Matthew Huber	J. Cullen Sowers Master's Scholarship
Hillary Gleason	Nancy R. Lenoir Master's Scholarship

The motion by Dr. Weeks to accept the committee report was seconded by Dr. Travis and approved by Council.

Dr. Green presented the names of the following doctoral scholarships:

Kimberly Klakamp	Jerry & Marilyn Morris Distinguished Doctoral Student
Lance Weldy	H. M. Lafferty Scholarship

The motion by Dr. Green to accept the committee report was seconded by Dr. Robinson and approved by Council.

### **Information Items**

1. List of Departmental Distinguished Students that would be honored at the Honors Luncheon, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Additional Information & Discussion Items
3. Graduate Council Accomplishments 2003-04
4. Graduate School Accomplishments 2004-05
5. Dean Stetson asked Council members to complete a year-end evaluation of the Council, Graduate School and Graduate Dean.
6. Graduate School staff, Ms. Natalie Henderson, Ms. Betty Hunt, Ms. Tammi Thompson and Ms. Diana Wilburn joined the Council for refreshments.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Louise Skinner  
Secretary to the Graduate Council