

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, April 24, 2001, in the MSC Boardroom at 3:00 p.m. Members present were: Dr. Robert Baumgardner, Dr. Dean Ginther, Dr. John Hanners, Mr. Gerard Huber, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Ms. Barbara Langham, Dr. Anita Pankake, Dr. Alma Mintu-Wimsatt, Dr. Steven Shwiff, Dr. Jon Travis, Dr. Jerry Trusty, Dr. Dayle Yeager, Dr. Tom Ward and Dean Mathew Kanjirathinkal.

Members absent were: Dr. Bobby Carmichael, Ms. Challon Casto, Dr. Robert Seay and Dr. Vance Underhill.

Minutes for the April 10, 2001, meeting were approved.

The recommendation from the Scholarship ad hoc committee (Dr. Tom Ward, Chair, Mr. Gerard Huber, and Dr. Dayle Yeager) was approved as submitted. The Jerry & Marilyn Morris Distinguished Doctoral Student Award will be given to Mr. Mustafa Baloglu (Psychology) and the Master's Distinguished Student Award will be given to Christopher Alleman (Communication and Theatre) at the Honors Day Luncheon on April 27, 2001.

The Council reviewed and discussed the graduate admissions criteria submitted for each department. It was agreed that the undergraduate grade point average (GPA) criteria should remain as it has been. The intent of the Graduate Council was to correct the way the GRE and GMAT test scores were being used and not to tamper with the GPA requirement. After reviewing each proposal separately, the Graduate Council unanimously approved the new criteria with specified changes for most of the programs. The Graduate School will work with each department to resolve concerns. The revised proposals will be submitted to President McFarland through channels for his review and approval.

The Graduate Council discussed graduate assistantship requirements in regard to the new admissions criteria. The Council agreed that graduate assistants should meet full admissions criteria for their department and have a graduate GPA of 3.0 for appointment. To be eligible to teach they must also have 18 hours of graduate coursework in the field they will be teaching. The proposed changes will be made to the university procedure A11.36 and sent through channels for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Secretary to the Graduate Council