

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 29, 2008

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, April 29, 2008, in the MSC Boardroom at 2:00 p.m. with Dean Allan D. Headley presiding. Members present were: Dr. Ken Alford, Dr. Ben Jang, Dr. Hasan Coskun, Dr. Harry Fullwood, Dr. John Hanners, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Ms. Elaine Lin, Dr. Linda Openshaw, Dr. Chester Robinson, Dr. Derek Royal, Dr. Mary Beth Sampson, Dr. Janet Walker, and Dr. Dayle Yeager. Members absent were: Mr. Gideon Mazambani, Dr. Chris Myers, and Dr. Steven Shwiff. Dr. Jon Travis, Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, was also in attendance.

Action Items

The minutes from the last Graduate Council, April 8, 2008, were approved.

Committee on Administration

Dr. Sampson presented the committee report on proposed changes for admissions criteria for the MED in Agricultural Sciences. The motion to approve the report was made by Dr. Sampson and seconded by Dr. Kopachena. After a friendly amendment to clarify that this was an additional option for students, the Graduate Council unanimously approved the change in admissions criteria for the MED in Agricultural Sciences to include a passing score on the Texas Examination of Educator Standards (TExES) Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR) or the Graduate Record Exam.

Committee on Curriculum

Dr. Hanners presented the committee recommendations in regard to curriculum changes listed below. The report was approved unanimously by the Council.

Curriculum Changes

Chem 527	Chem BioChem Characterization Methods I	Change Title
Chem 528	Chem BioChem Characterization Methods II	New Course
Chem 547	Adv Instrumental Analysis I	Change Title
Chem 548	Adv Instrument Analysis II	New Course

Curriculum Outlines

MED	Educational Administration	Non-thesis	36 hrs
MS or MED	Educational Technology Leadership	Non-thesis	36 hrs
MS or MED	Educational Technology-Library Sciences	Non-thesis	36 hrs
MS	Chemistry	Non-thesis	40 hrs
	Track I-Analytical Chemistry, Biochemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Organic Chemistry or Physical Chemistry		
	Track II-Professional Chemical Business		
	Track III-Professional Chemical Education		

Dr. Hanners presented the committee recommendation to approve the application for a Graduate Certificate from Literature and Languages. The Graduate Council unanimously approved the *Studies in Children's and Adolescent Literature and Culture* certificate.

Committee on Faculty, Research & Administration

Dr. Royal presented a report proposing changes to Procedure 12.03.99.R0.01 *Faculty Workload*. The Committee presented several options that advisors of dissertations and thesis can be compensated for their work, including some that would allow compensation at the time the students are actively completing their

dissertations/thesis. After a lengthy discussion, the Graduate Council approved the report and requested that it be presented as a recommendation to the academic deans.

Announcements

Jerry & Marilyn Morris Scholarship Recipients

Distinguished Doctoral Student Margaret Garcia, SCI-Elementary Education

Distinguished Master's Student Beverly Cochran, Biological & Environmental Sciences

Lafferty Doctoral Scholarship Recipients

Michelle Smith, Educational Psychology

Parinya Suwannakit, SCI-Higher Education

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 3:20.

Louise Skinner

Secretary to the Graduate Council