

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 8, 2008

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, April 8, 2008, in the MSC Boardroom at 3:00 p.m. with Dean Allan D. Headley presiding. Members present were: Dr. Ken Alford, Dr. Hasan Coskun, Dr. Harry Fullwood, Dr. John Hanners, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Ms. Elaine Lin, Mr. Gideon Mazambani, Dr. Chris Myers, Dr. Linda Openshaw, Dr. Chester Robinson, Dr. Derek Royal, and Dr. Mary Beth Sampson. Members absent were: Dr. Ben Jang, Dr. Steven Shwiff, Dr. Janet Walker, and Dr. Dayle Yeager. Dr. Jon Travis, Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, was also in attendance.

Action Items

The minutes from the last Graduate Council, March 11, 2008, were approved.

Committee on Faculty, Research & Administration

Dr. Derek Royal presented the committee report on applications for graduate faculty membership and senior faculty review.

The Council approved Dr. Brent Mangus (Health & Human Performance) for senior graduate faculty membership.

Continued Senior Graduate Faculty status was unanimously granted to Dr. Robert Baumgardener (Literature and Languages), Dr. Martha Foote (Curriculum and Instruction), Dr. Donna Dunbar-Odom (Literature and Languages), Dr. William Masten (Psychology and Special Education), and Dr. Carole Walker (Curriculum and Instruction).

The Graduate Council granted provisional (3-year) Senior Graduate Faculty status to Dr. Joyce Miller (Curriculum and Instruction), Dr. Robin Reid (Literature and Languages), and Dr. William Thompson (Sociology and Criminal Justice).

Dr. Royal presented a report proposing changes to Procedure 12.03.99.R0.01 *Faculty Workload* in regard to workload equivalencies while advising students during the thesis/dissertation process. The Council had a discussion and suggested some revisions. Dr. Royal will work with his committee to submit a final proposal for the next Graduate Council meeting (April 29, 2008).

Committee on Curriculum

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

ACCT 561	Fraud Examination	New Course
ACCT 562	Forensic and Inv Acct	New Course
ARTH 507	History of Graphic Design	New Course
Eng 501	Structure Eng Lang	Change Description
Eng 557	Teaching ESL	Change Description
Eng 558	Sociolinguistics	Change Description
Eng 559	Lang & Culture in Class	Change Description
Eng 562	Psycholinguistics	Change Description

Dr. Hanners presented a revised request from the Department of Literature & Languages to change the residency requirements for the PhD in English. The Council unanimously approved the request.

Dr. Hanners presented additional curriculum changes to change the prefix for FLL 501 and FLL 502 to FRE 501 and FRE 502. The Council unanimously approved this request.

Dr. Hanners presented the committee report changing the language requirements for the MA in English, MA in Spanish, and PhD in English. Students receiving these degrees will have the following options to fulfill the language requirement:

- a. 12 sh of appropriate undergraduate-level classes
- b. 6 sh of graduate-level French for Reading (FRE 501 and FRE 502)
- c. Department FLPE

Dr. Hanners presented the committee report establishing procedural requirements for the Master of Science Degrees. The Council unanimously approved the report. The standard requirements for the Master of Science degree programs that start or are revised on or after the fall semester 2008 will require all candidates to complete one of the following options:

- a. Option I: complete a minimum 30-semester hour program which includes six hours of thesis. From six to twelve hours may be taken outside the major and four courses in one subject may be designated as a minor.
- b. Option II: Complete a minimum 36-semester hour academic program which consists of the following:
 1. Major. A major of 18 hours including 3 hours of 595 in the major department. A minimum of 24 hours in three fields arranged in a 12-6-6 pattern is required for the broad-field or interdisciplinary major.
 2. Electives. In addition to the major described above, up to 18 hours in additional fields may be chosen with department approval. An approved sequence of at least 12 hours within a second subject area may, if the student wishes, be designated on the graduate record as a minor.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 4:20.

Louise Skinner
Secretary to the Graduate Council