

Graduate Council Minutes

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, December 11, 2001, in the MSC Boardroom at 3:00 p.m. with Dean Mathew Kanjirathinkal presiding. Members present were: Dr. Robert Baumgardner, Dr. Judy Ford, Dr. Ted Hansen, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Dr. Alma Mintu-Wimsatt, Dr. Chester Robinson, Ms. Tonya Scott, Dr. Jon Travis, Ms. Susan Tremor, Dr. Tom Ward, and Dr. Vance Underhill.

Members absent were: Dr. Bobby Carmichael, Dr. Dean Ginther, Dr. Wayne Linek, Dr. Robert Seay, Dr. Steve Shwiff, and Dr. Dayle Yeager.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Kanjirathinkal.

November minutes were approved as distributed.

Report from Committee on Curriculum

Dr. Jeff Kopachena presented the committee report.

The issue concerning 518/595 courses is still being studied by the committee.

Curriculum Changes for 2002-2003 were discussed. The committee recommended the curriculum changes submitted by each department with the following exceptions: Counseling; Psychology; Marketing & Management and Social Work. These requests will be returned to the department for further clarification and documentation. The motion to accept the report was made by Dr. Robinson and seconded by Dr. Baumgardner. The motion was approved unanimously by the Graduate Council.

Dr. Kopachena presented the results of his committee's review of assigned procedures in regard to SACS criteria.

Dr. Kanjirathinkal reminded Council members that they should be vigilant in obtaining information about "best practices" when visiting colleagues from other universities or attending workshops. This information could be used in improving our policies and procedures for graduate education at A&M-Commerce.

Report from Committee on Faculty, Research and Instruction

Dr. Jon Travis presented the committee report on visiting graduate faculty status. An additional status for visiting scholars was proposed. A&M-Commerce will recognize the graduate faculty status of other institutions. The status (senior or associate) of visiting scholars not affiliated with an institution of higher education will be considered on an individual basis. The visiting scholars will be listed with the graduate faculty in the A&M-Commerce Graduate Catalog. The motion to approve the report was made by Dr. Ward and seconded by Dr. Robinson. The Council unanimously approved the report.

Miscellaneous Items from the Graduate Dean

Dean Kanjirathinkal gave an update on HB 1641 concerning Admission & Scholarship Policies for Graduate & Professional Programs. Information has been posted to the Graduate School web page.

Dr. Leo Sayavedra has called a meeting of the system's graduate deans. HB1641 and other issues will be discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Louise Skinner
Secretary to the Graduate Council