

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

December 9, 2008

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, December 9, 2008, in the Rayburn Student Center Pride Conference Room (#231) at 3:00 p.m. with Dean Allan D. Headley presiding. Members present were: Dr. Ken Alford, Dr. Harry Fullwood, Dr. John Hanners, Dr. John Humphreys, Dr. Ben Jang, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Dr. Sharon Kowalsky, Ms. Jonne Atkins for Ms. LeAnn Nash, Dr. Linda Openshaw, Dr. Chester Robinson, Dr. Derek Royal, Ms. Stacey Stancik, Dr. Jon Travis, Dr. Janet Walker, and Dr. Dayle Yeager. Dr. Steven Shwiff was absent. Dr. Mary Beth Sampson, Interim Vice Chair, was also in attendance.

Action Items

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

Committee on Curriculum

Dr. Hanners presented a committee report to make changes to Procedure 11.04.99.R0.21 Master's Degree Research Component. The changes clarified Option I and Option II for master's degree seeking students. There was a lengthy discussion on the thesis and if it should be a significant contribution to the field of study. The Council unanimously approved the committee report with changes.

Committee on Graduate Faculty, Research & Instruction

Dr. Royal presented a committee recommendation for changes to the senior graduate faculty status six-year review form. The changes emphasize the importance of completing the form and provide evidence of research activity during the previous 6 years. The Council unanimously approved the changes with amendments that will be used in the reviews for Spring 2009.

Dr. Royal presented a committee report recommending that Dr. Robin Reid (Literature and Languages) be approved for senior faculty membership through 2014. The Graduate Council approved the recommendation.

Information Items

Graduate School Holiday Reception

Wednesday, December 10, 2008 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Update on Graduate Program Reviews

Update on Spring 2009 Enrollment

Commencement December 13, 2008

Research Workshops

Finding Grant Opportunities February 11, 2009

Ethics in Research February 17, 2009

Grantwriting 101 February 24, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 4:00.

Louise Skinner

Secretary to the Graduate Council