

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, February 13, 2001, in the MSC Boardroom at 3:00 p.m. Members present were: Dr. Robert Baumgardner, Dr. Bobby Carmichael, Ms. Challon Casto, Dr. Dean Ginther, Mr. Gerard Huber, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Ms. Barbara Langham, Dr. Anita Pankake, Dr. Robert Seay, Dr. Steven Shwiff, Dr. Tom Ward, Dr. Dayle Yeager and Dean Mathew Kanjirathinkal.

Members absent were: Dr. John Hanners, Dr. Alma Mintu-Wimsatt, Dr. Jon Travis, Dr. Jerry Trusty, and Dr. Vance Underhill.

Dean Kanjirathinkal opened the meeting with comments to the Council thanking them for their hard work in completing the task of revising graduate admissions criteria.

Committee on Administration

The committee report on faculty/staff course enrollment was presented by Dr. Dayle Yeager. The committee proposed that the A&M-Commerce procedure A31.04 Faculty/Staff Course Enrollment be re-written by the appropriate personnel to comply with A&M System Policy 31.99.01. Our procedures are clearly not consistent with this policy. These new procedures, as the System Policy, will not specifically address residency.

The motion was made by Dr. Robert Seay to accept the report and to move our policy in line with the system policy. The motion was seconded by Dr. Steven Shwiff and unanimously approved by the Council.

Dr. Dayle Yeager presented the Committee Report on committee structure as it relates to doctoral programs. The committee felt that the Graduate Council committee structure should remain as it is and that an ad hoc committee be appointed by the Graduate Dean when necessary to consider issues involving research or doctoral studies. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Dr. Robert Seay and seconded by Mr. Gerard Huber. The recommendation was approved (with one dissenting vote) by the Council.

Procedure for awarding graduate credit for experiential learning

Dean Kanjirathinkal introduced Dr. Bud Smith, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. He gave a brief introduction concerning the proposed procedure on awarding graduate credit for experiential learning. Dr. Bud Smith presented the proposed procedure and answered questions from the Graduate Council. After a lengthy discussion, the motion was made by Dr. Dayle Yeager to support the procedure with changes and seconded by Dr. Steven Shwiff. The Graduate Council accepted the motion by a vote of eleven for and one against.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Secretary to the Graduate Council