

## Graduate Council Minutes February 8, 2005

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, February 8, 2005, in the MSC Boardroom at 3:00 p.m. with Dean Allan D. Headley presiding. Members present were: Ms. Donna Anderson, Ms. Karyn Gomez, Dr. Ray Green, Dr. John Hanners, Dr. Cynthia Harr, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Mr. Michael Miller, Dr. Mary Beth Sampson, Dr. Jon Travis, and Dr. Janet Walker. Members absent were: Dr. Wendell Edwards, Dr. Dick Fulkerson, Dr. Dale Funderburk, Dr. Chris Myers, Dr. Chester Robinson, Dr. R. N. Singh, and Dr. Dayle Yeager.

Dean Headley called the meeting to order.

### Action Items

The minutes from the last Graduate Council, December 14, 2004, were approved.

Dean Headley introduced Dr. Mary Beth Sampson as a new Council member replacing Dr. Sandy Weeks.

### Report from Committee on Curriculum

Dr. Hanners presented the report on additional Curriculum Changes for 2005-06. His motion to accept the report was approved by the Council. The following requests were approved:

<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Course #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Request</b>
Chemistry	CHEM 522	Quantum Chemistry	Reinstate
Computer Science & Information System	CSCI 534	Networking II Routers	Add
Computer Science & Information System	CSCI 537	Introduction to Graphical Rendering	Change title & prerequisites
Counseling	COUN 545	Developmental Issues	Add
Counseling	COUN 690	Qualitative Research	Add
Educational Administration	EDAD 524	Law and Policy in Instruction	Add
Elementary Education	BLED 501	Theoretical Foundations of Bilingual/ESL (English as a Second Language) Education	Add
Elementary Education	BLED 502	Social and Academic Language Development for Bilingual Learners	Add
Elementary Education	BLED 503	Bilingual Content Instruction	Add
Health, Kinesiology, & Sports Studies	MED	HKSS (Health & Kinesiology) Non Thesis Option	Curriculum Change

Secondary & Higher Education	SHED 504	Curriculum Development in the Middle School	Delete
Secondary & Higher Education	SHED 551	Issues in Training and Development	Add
Secondary & Higher Education	SHED 530	Methods & Media in Vocational Office Education	Delete
Secondary & Higher Education	SHED 552	Management Development for Educators and Trainers	Add

### **Report from Committee on Administration**

Dr. Ray Green presented the committee report concerning a revised request from Health, Kinesiology and Sports Studies to change graduate departmental admissions requirements. The motion to approve was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Travis and unanimously approved by the Council.

### **Report from Committee on Faculty, Research & Instruction**

Dr. Jon Travis presented the committee report on revisions to the procedure on associate faculty membership. The committee recommended that new faculty meeting the minimum qualifications be granted a three-year associate membership. The qualifications are as follows:

- Academic rank of assistant professor or above
- Possession of the highest earned terminal degree, or its equivalent, in the applicant's field of specialization
- Evidence of current interest and involvement in scholarly research and/or creative activity
- Recommendation of the applicant's departmental faculty

The procedure for granting the three-year associate graduate faculty membership can be initiated by the faculty member's department, either immediately upon hire or at such time that the faculty member is called upon by the department to teach graduate courses.

The motion to approve the recommendation was made by Dr. Travis and seconded by Dr. Green. The Council unanimously approved the report.

### **Discussion Item**

The Council discussed the Coordinating Board Recommendations on Doctoral Education. The report can be viewed at <http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/UHRI/reports.cfm>.

## Information Items

1. The application and guidelines for A&M System Graduate Faculty Membership is available at <http://www.tamus.edu/pathways>.

2. Scholarships Available Spring 2005 Semester

**H. M. Lafferty Doctoral Scholarship** (Student initiated)

Awarded to two doctoral students currently enrolled in doctoral coursework.

**Jerry & Marilyn Morris Distinguished Master's Student Scholarship** (Faculty initiated)

Each graduate academic department head may nominate a distinguished master's student from their Department to compete in the scholarship competition.

**Jerry & Marilyn Morris Distinguished Doctoral Student Scholarship** (Faculty initiated)

Each academic doctoral department may nominate a distinguished doctoral student from their Department to compete in the scholarship competition.

3. Dates to remember:

February 9, 2005	2:00 – 3:00	Graduate Advisor's Roundtable
February 10, 2005	2:00 – 3:00	Graduate Advisor's Roundtable
March 3, 2005	2:00 – 4:30	Thesis/Dissertation Workshop
March 23, 2005	10:00 – 2:00	Research Day: Mike Cronan & Lucy Decker from Office of VP for Research at A&M
April 14, 2005	10:00 – 2:00	Grant Resource Center Workshop

4. The next meeting is March 8, 2005.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Louise Skinner

Secretary to the Graduate Council