

## **Graduate Council Minutes April 12, 2005**

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, April 12, 2005, in the MSC Boardroom at 3:00 p.m. with Dean Allan D. Headley presiding. Members present were: Dr. Dick Fulkerson, Ms. Karyn Gomez, Dr. Ray Green, Dr. John Hanners, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Mr. Michael Miller, Dr. Chris Myers, Dr. Mary Beth Sampson, Dr. R. N. Singh, and Dr. Jon Travis. Members absent were: Ms. Donna Anderson, Dr. Wendell Edwards, Dr. Dale Funderburk, Dr. Cynthia Harr, Dr. Chester Robinson, Dr. Janet Walker, and Dr. Dayle Yeager.

Dean Headley called the meeting to order.

### **Action Items**

The minutes from the last Graduate Council, March 8, 2005, were approved.

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

Dr. Green presented the committee report on an exception to the *Twelve-hour Rule*. The committee recommends allowing students working toward a state or professionally mandated certification to use up to eighteen hours of credit toward a master's degree program. The specific courses would be at the discretion of the department. Currently, students are limited to twelve hours. The motion to accept the proposal was made by Dr. Fulkerson and seconded by Dr. Travis. The motion, with amendments, was approved by the Graduate Council.

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

The Graduate Council approved the report from the committee to continue senior membership for Dr. Gerald Duchovnay, Dr. John Hanners, Dr. William Masten, Dr. Mary Beth Sampson, and Dr. Jon Travis.

#### **Report from Scholarship Committee**

The 2004-05 Scholarship Committee was comprised of Dr. John Hanners, Chair, Dr. Cynthia Harr, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Dr. Kathryn Jacobs, Dr. Chris Myers, and Dr. Mary Beth Sampson. Dr. Hanners presented the 2004-05 Scholarship recipients:

Heliodoro Sanchez will be awarded the Jerry & Marilyn Morris Distinguished Doctoral Student Award.  
Peter Calvin will be awarded the Jerry & Marilyn Morris Distinguished Master's Student Award.  
Brent Donham and Kathy Stephens will be awarded Lafferty Doctoral Scholarships.

**Jerry & Marilyn Morris Outstanding Doctoral Students are:** Jill Bennett, Counseling; Mei Jiang, Psychology & Special Education; Iris Johnson, Literature & Languages; Jintavee Monsakul, Secondary & Higher Education; Joel Palmer, Elementary Education; and Heliodoro Sanchez, Educational Administration.

**Jerry & Marilyn Morris Master's Outstanding Students are:** Elizabeth Barnhart, Sociology & Criminal Justice; Megan Besozzi, Psychology & Special Education; Scott Bouis, Economics; Peter Calvin, Art; James Gist, Music; Elida Lopez, Educational Administration; Kristen McDowell, Agricultural Sciences; Lori Murillo, Elementary Education; Tammy Nichols, Biological & Environmental Sciences; Jennifer Pate, Literature & Languages; James Bradford Payne, Mathematics;

John Howard Perkins, Secondary & Higher Education; Ginger Robinson, Counseling; Jeremy Rummel, Chemistry; Jacob Saucier, Computer Science; Celia Ann Stogner, Mass Media, Communications & Theatre; and Kathryn White, History.

### **Discussion Item**

Dean Headley discussed the need to establish guidelines for use of deregulated tuition set-aside scholarships. He also announced that Mr. John Montford, graduate commencement speaker at the December 2004 graduation gave a donation that was used to begin a *Graduate Fellowship Fund*.

Dean Headley discussed aspects of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Graduate Education Advisory Committee (GEAC) meeting in Austin, March 11, 2005. Concerns of the GEAC are quality of degrees awarded, new doctoral degree programs in the State and access & opportunity.

Dean Headley complimented the Council on a successful year.

### **Information Items**

1. Twenty-eight faculty attended the March 23, 2005, Research Meeting presented by Mike Cronan from the System Research Foundation
2. Dates to remember:

April 13, 2005	Deadline for Jack Kent Cook Scholarship Applications
April 14, 2005	Grant Resource Center Workshop
May 14, 2005	Commencement
September 5, 2005	Deadline for CSGS Thesis Award Applications

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Louise Skinner  
Secretary to the Graduate Council