

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES **October 10, 2006**

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, October 10, 2006, in the MSC Boardroom at 3:00 p.m. with Dean Allan D. Headley presiding. Members present were: Dr. Sue Espinoza, Dr. Harry Fullwood, Dr. John Hanners, Dr. Cynthia Harr, Dr. Ben Jang, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Mr. David Mickelson, Dr. Chris Myers, Dr. Chester Robinson, Dr. Derek Royal, Dr. Mary Beth Sampson, Dr. Janet Walker, and Ms. Adena Young. Members absent were: Dr. Hasan Coskun, Dr. Steven Shwiff, and Dr. Dayle Yeager. Dr. Jon Travis, Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies & Research was also in attendance.

Graduate Council members introduced themselves.

Dr. Headley addressed the Council and spoke about his philosophy and goals for Graduate Studies and Research. Graduate Council should make informed decisions on policies that affect graduate education. He encouraged members to step outside their discipline's knowledge pool to become knowledgeable about various issues. In order to stay on the cutting edge of graduate education, committee members should gather information about issues their committee is considering and should know what other institutions are doing. The Graduate School will assist with travel for committee members to attend workshops or conferences concerning important issues.

Dr. Travis reported to the Council that the format for the Graduate Roundtables has been modified. He will meet with each department individually to discuss their concerns and challenges.

The minutes from the last Graduate Council, April 11, 2006, were approved.

Committee Charges

Dr. Headley discussed the Graduate Council accomplishments for 2005-06 and presented the charges for the 2006-07 Council.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON FACULTY, RESEARCH & INSTRUCTION

Dr. Espinoza presented the committee report on Graduate Faculty applications. A motion by Dr. Fullwood and seconded by Dr. Myers to approve the following faculty for a three-year associate membership was approved unanimously:

Dr. Quynh Dao Dang	PHD	Health & Human Performance
Ms. Josephine Durkin	MFA	Art
Dr. John Greenhut	PHD	Accounting, Economics & Finance
Dr. Sharon Kowalsky	PHD	History
Dr. Joyce Scott	PHD	Educational Leadership
Mr. Virgil Milton Scott	MFA	Art
Dr. Stephen Starnes	PHD	Chemistry
Dr. David Scott Waltemyer	PHD	Health & Human Performance
Dr. Jason Wicke	PHD	Health & Human Performance

Dr. Robinson made the motion with a second by Dr. Sampson to approve the following faculty for Associate Membership. The motion was unanimously approved:

Dr. Ben Cranor	PHD	Industrial Engineering & Technology
Dr. Michael Copeland	EDD	Educational Leadership
Dr. E. Delbert Horton	PHD	Industrial Engineering & Technology
Dr. Mary E. Johnson	PHD	Industrial Engineering & Technology

Dr. James Klein	DMA	Music
Dr. Brenda Moore	PHD	Social Work
Dr. Sam Roberson	EDD	Educational Leadership
Dr. Chiu-Che Tseng	PHD	Computer Science
Dr. Yvonne Villanueva-Russell	PHD	Sociology & Criminal Justice
Dr. Lee "Rusty" Waller	PHD	Educational Leadership
Dr. Gregory Paul Wilson	PHD	Industrial Engineering & Technology

The Council unanimously approved a motion by Dr. Myers and seconded by Dr. Royal to accept the committee report to grant Senior Membership to the following:

Dr. Frank Ashley, III	EDD	Health & Human Performance
Dr. Kathryn Jacobs	PHD	Literature & Languages
Dr. Ben Jang	PHD	Chemistry
Dr. Lon B. Johnston	PHD	Social Work
Dr. Nenad Kostic	PHD	Chemistry
Mr. Michael Miller	MFA	Art
Dr. Leah Wickersham	PHD	Educational Leadership

Dr. Espinoza presented committee recommendations to make changes to the application form for Senior or Associate Membership. A motion by Dr. Myers and seconded by Dr. Sampson was unanimously approved by the Council. It was suggested that the same changes be used on the application for the six-year senior review.

Information Items

The Council was updated on Graduate Program Reviews.

The Graduate School submitted two applications to the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Program. They were Ms. Anatheia Couch, Psychology major (to attend the University of Texas at Tyler) and Ms. Adelene Martell, Animal Science major (to attend A&M-Commerce).

The Graduate School awarded two Pathways to a Doctorate Fellowships. Two new doctoral students are on campus this fall: Ms. Barbara Fails from Texas A&M University-Texarkana, who will major in Psychology and Ms. LeAnn Nash from Texas A&M University-Texarkana who began work on a doctorate in English.

The TAMU System Junior Faculty Symposium will be held at Prairie View A&M University, November 9-10, 2006.

The Pathways Research Symposium will take place at Prairie View A&M University, November 10-11, 2006.

A report on the Thesis/Dissertation Summer Fellowship Program was presented.

A report on the student travel grants was given to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 4:15.

Louise Skinner
Secretary to the Graduate Council