

Graduate Council Minutes

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, March 11, 2003, in the MSC Boardroom at 3:00 p.m. with Dr. Jon Travis presiding. Members present were: Mr. Spencer Anderson, Mr. Sankaranarayanan Appadurai, Dr. Robert Baumgardner, Dr. Bobby Carmichael, Dr. Dale Funderburk, Dr. Dean Ginther, Dr. Ted Hansen, Dr. Helene Halvorson, Dr. Wayne Linek, Mr. Michael Miller, Dr. R. N. Singh, Dr. Janet Walker, and Dr. Dayle Yeager. Members absent were Dr. Shawn Carraher, Dr. Judy Ford, Dr. Mathew Kanjirathinkal, and Dr. Chester Robinson.

Minutes from the January Council meeting were presented. Dr. Singh made the motion with a second from Dr. Carmichael to approve the minutes. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

Report from the Committee on Graduate Faculty, Research, & Instruction

Dr. Travis reported on the Graduate Faculty Proposal for an additional revision to the recommendation for faculty workload regarding 718 courses. The committee recommends the following:

Given the amount of time that chairs of dissertation committees are required to devote to the process for each advisee, and given the amount of income that the university generates with the 718 course sections, credit for course workload should be given to dissertation advisors at the time students are actively completing their dissertations, for a total of two semesters. Therefore, the Graduate Council proposes that dissertation advisors be granted the equivalent of one three-hour course for every three students registered in their 718 sections, once the student has completed the proposal defense. For faculty with fewer than three students actively working on dissertations, the existing policy of one course release time for every three graduates will remain in effect. Such earned released time may be "banked" for a total of five released time allowances.

A motion was made with a second from Dr. Linek to approve the committee's recommendation. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Travis also reported that his committee recommends approval of Dr. Amir Abbassi, Dr. Anil Banerjee and Dr. Linda Openshaw for associate graduate faculty status, Dr. James Heitholt for visiting associate scholar status, Dr. Jeff Kopachena for senior graduate faculty status and continuation of Dr. Phyllis Erdman for senior graduate faculty status. Visiting associate scholar status for Dr. David Kee is pending. There was discussion regarding the purpose of visiting associate scholar status. Dr. Linek made the motion with a second from Dr. Walker to approve the committee's recommendation. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

Report from the Committee on Administration

Dr. Walker reported that her committee recommends approval of the modification in admission requirements for the master's degree programs in elementary education. There was discussion regarding the changes in the requirements. Dr. Yeager made a motion with a second from Dr. Walker to approve the committee's recommendation. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Walker reported that her committee recommends approval of increasing the TOEFL score for international student admission to 550. The Council discussed the recommendation. Dr. Singh made a motion with a second from Dr. Linek to table the recommendation at this time until more information can be gathered.

Dr. Walker also reported that her committee recommends no action be taken regarding changing graduate academic standards.

Report from the Committee on Curriculum

Dr. Singh reported that his committee developed a questionnaire regarding doctoral tools courses in statistics and that it has been sent to the department. A recommendation is expected at the April Council Meeting regarding this issue.

Dr. Singh reported that his committee is working on a procedure for transferring courses from foreign universities. The Council discussed this procedure and a recommendation is expected from the committee at the April Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Secretary to the Graduate Council