

Graduate Council Minutes

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, March 12, 2002, in the MSC Boardroom at 2:45 p.m. with Dean Mathew Kanjirathinkal presiding. Members present were: Dr. Robert Baumgardner, Dr. Judy Ford, Dr. Dean Ginther, Dr. Ted Hansen, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Dr. Wayne Linek, Dr. Alma Mintu-Wimsatt, Dr. Chester Robinson, Ms. Tonya Scott, Dr. Steve Shwiff, Dr. Jon Travis, Ms. Susan Tremor, Dr. Vance Underhill, Dr. Tom Ward, and Dr. Dayle Yeager.

Members absent were: Dr. Bobby Carmichael and Dr. Robert Seay.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Kanjirathinkal.

February minutes were approved as distributed.

Discussion with Interim Provost

Dr. Vicki Davis addressed the Graduate Council concerning the resolution to award reassigned time for teaching the 595 research course. She thanked the committee for their hard work. Dr. Davis stated her concerns with the resolution as presented and offered a suggestion. These situations can more appropriately be addressed by the department head using the current faculty workload procedure (A12.02, section 4—Workload Equivalencies).

In regard to the resolution concerning reassigned time for 518/718 courses, Dr. Davis is willing to consider this if the Graduate Council still wants to pursue it. Dr. Kanjirathinkal will send Dr. Davis a summary of the resolution.

Report from Committee on Graduate Faculty, Research & Instruction

Dr. Jon Travis presented the committee report on Graduate Faculty Membership. The Graduate Council considered the report for associate and senior faculty membership. The motion to accept the report was unanimously approved by the Graduate Council. Associate status was approved for Dr. Byron Housewright (Agricultural Sciences), Dr. Leeann Moore (Elementary Education), Dr. Michele Schmidt (Educational Administration), Dr. Robert Williams (Agricultural Sciences). Senior status was approved for Dr. Robert Baumgardner (Literature & Languages), Dr. Donna Dunbar-Odom (Literature & Languages), Dr. Robin Reid (Literature & Languages) and Dr. Ed Seifert (Educational Administration). The report also included *Visiting Associate Scholar* and *Visiting Senior Scholar* memberships. These were approved by the Council pending final approval of the Graduate Council resolution to award this type of graduate faculty status.

The Council further considered a committee report concerning Senior Faculty Reviews. A motion was made to approve nine senior faculty members for continuation of senior status for six years and two faculty members for continuation of senior status for three years. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was discussion concerning the criteria used to determine graduate faculty status. The Committee on Administration was given the charge to review the procedure as to

whether guidelines or more specific information is needed, i.e., what is considered a recent publication.

Report from Committee on Curriculum

Dr. Jeff Kopachena presented the committee report.

The Committee reviewed proposed curriculum changes from the Counseling and History Departments. The proposed changes to the Counseling doctoral degree curriculum was approved by a unanimous vote. The proposed changes to the M.A. and M.S. in History, option I, M.A. and M.S. in History, option II, and M.A. and M.S. in History with an emphasis in Teaching were also approved.

Miscellaneous Items from the Graduate Dean

The Committee on Administration was charged to address compliance to the SACS criteria 4.3.2.95 that an institution must regularly evaluate its graduate admission procedures.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Louise Skinner
Secretary to the Graduate Council