

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, May 8, 2001, in the MSC Boardroom at 3:00 p.m. Members present were: Dr. Robert Baumgardner, Ms. Challon Casto, Dr. Dean Ginther, Mr. Gerard Huber, Dr. Anita Pankake, Dr. Alma Mintu-Wimsatt, Dr. Steven Shwiff, Dr. Jon Travis, Dr. Jerry Trusty, and Dr. Tom Ward.

Members absent were: Dr. Bobby Carmichael, Dr. John Hanners, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Ms. Barbara Langham, Dr. Robert Seay, Dr. Dayle Yeager, and Dean Mathew Kanjirathinkal.

Dr. Jerry Trusty, Vice Chair presided over the meeting
Minutes for the April 24, 2001, meeting were approved.

Council members were given copies of procedures that required changes due to recent Graduate Council resolutions. Council members were asked to review the changes that were identified in red and to let Dr. Kanjirathinkal know of any concerns or questions. The procedures were A31.04, A11.35, A11.36, and A11.38.

The report from the Committee on Graduate Faculty, Research, and Instruction was considered by the Council. The motion to accept the report in regard to the eight applications for continuation of senior status was unanimously approved. All applications were recommended for continued senior status. The motion to recommend two applications for associate status was unanimously approved. The motion to accept the committee report not to recommend one application for senior status and one for associate status was unanimously approved. Both applicants will be encouraged to resubmit their application once he/she has taught additional graduate level courses.

Dr. Jerry Trusty presented the report from the Committee on Administration. The committee expected that the report would be an impetus to begin discussions on the structure of the Graduate Council. A lengthy discussion followed concerning the size and make up of the Council. No action was taken.

Dr. Jon Travis presented the report from the Committee on Faculty, Research and Instruction concerning reassigned time for 518/718 assignments. The committee proposed that dissertation/thesis advisors be granted the equivalent of one three-hour course for every three students registered in their 518 and/or 718 sections, once the student has completed the proposal defense. For faculty with fewer than three students actively working on thesis/dissertations, the existing policy will remain in effect. It was stated that this policy would free advisors to spend more time with their advisees and would allow advisors to give feedback in a timely manner. The Graduate Council unanimously approved the resolution.

Dr. Travis presented the report from the Committee on Faculty, Research and Instruction concerning six-year reviews of graduate faculty. There will be further review of the procedures and practices in regard to administrators who return to full-time teaching and the question of whether department heads should be considered full-time administrators in regard to this procedure.

The last item on the agenda concerning the 595 was discussed briefly. It was decided that the issue needs to be reviewed at the first meeting of the Fall 2001 semester.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Secretary to the Graduate Council