

## GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

November 11, 2008

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, November 11, 2008, in the MSC Boardroom at 3:00 p.m. with Dean Allan D. Headley presiding. Members present were: Dr. Ken Alford, Dr. Harry Fullwood, Dr. John Hanners, Dr. John Humphreys, Dr. Ben Jang, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Dr. Sharon Kowalsky, Ms. Jonne Atkins for Ms. LeAnn Nash, Dr. Linda Openshaw, Dr. Chester Robinson, Dr. Derek Royal, Ms. Stacey Stancik, Dr. Jon Travis, Dr. Janet Walker, and Dr. Dayle Yeager. Dr. Steven Shwiff was absent. Dr. Mary Beth Sampson, Interim Vice Chair, was also in attendance.

Dr. Randy McBroom made an informative presentation on *Formula Funding & Accountability* and how proposed changes will affect A&M-Commerce. He also mentioned the Coordinating Board's *18 Characteristics of Texas Public Doctoral Programs*, and pointed out that for our 6 doctoral programs, this information will be made available on the web next spring.

### **Action Items**

The minutes from the last Graduate Council, October 14, 2008, were approved.

#### **Committee on Administration**

Dr. Travis presented a committee report to make changes to procedure 11.04.99.R0.11 *Admission to the Graduate School*. The committee recommended adding another option for graduate students who are admitted to a master's degree program on probationary status to achieve full admissions status. The Council unanimously approved the following option: Complete 9 semester hours of graduate coursework with a graduate GPA of at least 3.40, no grades below B and approval of the major department. The proposed changes will be submitted to Deans Council for review.

Dr. Travis also presented a committee report to change procedure 11.04.99.R0.19 *Graduate Student Course Loads* to indicate that a doctoral student admitted to candidacy and enrolled in 3 hours of 718 dissertation credit will be considered half-time. The Council unanimously approved the report which will now be considered by Deans Council.

#### **Committee on Graduate Faculty, Research & Instruction**

Dr. Royal presented the committee recommendation for senior graduate faculty membership for Dr. Mildred Pryor (Marketing & Management). The Council unanimously approved.

### **Information Items**

Dr. Fullwood updated the Council on the Strategic Enrollment Committee Scholarship Initiatives for Spring 2009. There is only a short time to get the word out about the Stimulus Scholarships and faculty will be an integral part of the process.

Dean Headley reported that the A&M System's Pathways Student Research Symposium and the Pathways Junior Faculty Workshop hosted by A&M-Commerce on November 7 & 8, 2008, were successful. There were 475 students and 209 posters at the Research Symposium and 48 junior faculty registered for the workshop.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned at 4:00.

Louise Skinner  
Secretary to the Graduate Council