

Graduate Council Minutes

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, November 13, 2001, in the MSC Boardroom at 3:00 p.m. with Dean Mathew Kanjirathinkal presiding. Members present were: Dr. Robert Baumgardner, Dr. Bobby Carmichael, Dr. Judy Ford, Dr. Harry Fullwood for Dr. Dean Ginther, Dr. Ted Hansen, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Dr. Wayne Linek, Dr. Robert Seay, Dr. Steve Shwiff, Dr. Jon Travis, Dr. Tom Ward and Dr. Dayle Yeager. Members absent were: Dr. Alma Mintu-Wimsatt, Dr. Chester Robinson, Ms. Tonya Scott, Ms. Susan Tremor, and Dr. Vance Underhill.

October minutes were approved as distributed.

Report from Committee on Graduate Faculty, Research, and Instruction

Dr. Jon Travis presented the report from the committee to recommend approval of associate status for five faculty members and senior status for five faculty members. His motion to accept the report was seconded by Dr. Linek and unanimously approved by the Council.

Report from Committee on Administration

Dr. Dayle Yeager presented the committee report that included two resolutions:

1. To enact a statement of good standing for graduate students. The following conditions will describe *good standing*: a graduate student must maintain a 3.0 GPA and no more than three courses with grades less than **B** and be in compliance with ethical and professional standards as determined by the student's academic department. When a graduate student does not satisfy these conditions, the Graduate School will implement the provisions of academic probation and suspension.
2. Changes in procedure concerning minimum requirements for holding assistantships, section 3.a.: Master's assistants must have full admission to a graduate degree program and either have an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher or have a graduate GPA of 3.25 on a minimum of twelve semester hours of graduate credit. Changes to section 3.c. Doctoral Assistants must have full admission to a degree program and have a graduate GPA of 3.5 or higher.

The motion to accept the report was made by Dr. Yeager and seconded by Dr. Linek. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. The resolutions will be forwarded to Provost Davis for further consideration.

The committee further recommends that the *Academic Probation and Suspension from Degree Programs* criteria be studied.

Response to resolution concerning released time for 595s.

Response from the Provost was shared with the Council. The Council requested further discussion with Dr. Davis.

Report from Ad hoc Committee on Statistical/Research Methodology Courses
Dr. Steve Shwiff reported that no recommendation was made in regard to the issue. It was noted that university-wide 50-60% of the course content is common and the rest is specific to the discipline. Further study concerning 595s is possible.

Miscellaneous Items from the Graduate Dean

A university-wide graduate student orientation program is needed. The Graduate School is taking steps to design a web-based orientation program and possibly produce a handbook.

The Dean also mentioned to the Council the Academic Affairs procedure for in-depth, systematic review of programs. A copy of this procedure will be made available to Council members.

The Dean informed the Council that the resolution concerning six-year review of administrators has been approved by Provost Davis and President McFarland.

Discussion of HB 1641 concerning Admission & Scholarship Policies for Graduate & Professional Programs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Secretary to the Graduate Council