

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, November 14, 2000, in the MSC Boardroom at 3:00 p.m. Members present were: Dr. Robert Baumgardner, Ms. Challon Casto, Dr. Harry Fullwood for Dr. Dean Ginther, Dr. John Hanners, Dr. Gerard Huber, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Ms. Barbara Langham, Dr. Alma Mintu-Wimsatt, Dr. Anita Pankake, Dr. Robert Seay, Dr. Jon Travis, Dr. Jerry Trusty, Dr. Tom Ward, Dr. Dayle Yeager and Dean Mathew Kanjirathinkal. Members absent were: Dr. Bobby Carmichael, Dr. Steven Shwiff and Dr. Vance Underhill.

October minutes were approved as distributed.

Report from Committee on Graduate Faculty, Research and Instruction

Dr. Jon Travis presented a report from the committee proposing a revision of the Graduate School Admission policy involving use of the GRE. There was a lengthy discussion. The Graduate Council asked Dr. Travis to re-formulate the recommendation in light of the comments and concerns expressed during the discussion. Some of the comments and concerns were as follows:

There needs to be a safeguard so that the intent of the policy is not circumvented.

A&M-Commerce must abide by Educational Testing Service guidelines in the use of the GRE/GMAT scores.

How will these changes affect the GRE requirement for awarding of Graduate Assistantships?

We should benchmark with other institutions in determining our admissions requirements.

We should avoid what could become open admissions.

Will the GRE be weighted? If so, how?

Should we correlate GRE scores with first year GPA's

The Committee will present a revised draft at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Secretary to the Graduate Council