

Graduate Council Minutes October 11, 2005

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, October 11, 2005, in the MSC Boardroom at 3:00 p.m. with Dean Allan D. Headley presiding. Members present were: Mr. Gagandeep Bhatia, Dr. Sue Espinoza, Mr. Alan Francis, Dr. Dick Fulkerson, Dr. Ray Green, Dr. John Hanners, Dr. Cynthia Harr, Dr. Ben Jang, Dr. Chris Myers, Dr. Chester Robinson, Dr. Mary Beth Sampson. Members absent were: Dr. Hasan Coskun, Dr. Wendell Edwards, Dr. Jeff Kopachena, Dr. Steven Shwiff, Dr. Janet Walker and Dr. Dayle Yeager. Dr. Jon Travis, Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies & Research was also in attendance.

Dean Headley called the meeting to order.

Action Items

The minutes from the last Graduate Council, September 13, 2005, were approved.

Dr. Headley welcomed the new members to the Graduate Council.

Report from Committee on Administration

Dr. Green, chair, gave an overview of the 2005-06 charges for his committee:

Review Procedure A 11.35 Admissions to the Graduate School

Review Procedure A 11.36 Graduate Assistantships

Review requests from departments for changes in admissions criteria. Currently there is one pending from Literature and Languages

Review Procedure A 12.06 Graduate Council

Report from Committee on Curriculum

Dr. Robinson, chair, reviewed the committee charges:

Graduate Certificates

Curriculum Change Requests for 2005-06

Recommend procedural guidelines for second master's degrees

Recommend procedural guidelines for interdisciplinary degrees

Review discrepancies between specific requirements for MA and MS degrees and departmental degree requirements for these degrees

Report from Committee on Graduate Faculty, Research, & Instruction

Dr. Fulkerson, chair, gave a brief overview of charges to the committee

Review Procedure A 11.45 Master's Degree Research Component

Review request from Literature & Languages to change foreign language requirement for Ph.D. in English

Review applications for graduate faculty membership

Consider Senior Faculty Six-Year Reviews

Information Items

1. The results of recent elections were announced. New members to the Council are: Dr. Sue Espinoza (Secondary & Higher Education), Alan Francis (doctoral student

- representative from Secondary & Higher Education), and Gagandeep Bhatia (master's student representative from Computer Science).
2. Dr. Headley updated the Council on the Graduate Program Reviews. The Department of Counseling has undergone the self-study and will be reviewed by a team consisting of two reviewers from off campus and one campus reviewer. Five departments will be reviewed this year: Literature & Languages, Psychology & Special Education, Physics, Biological & Environmental Sciences and Chemistry. The complete five-year cycle is available on the web at <http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/gradschool/gradmenu/GradProReviews.asp>. Dean Headley stated that the review will not be a *shelf study*. A follow-up will be conducted a year after the review team completes their report.
 3. There will be two Graduate Advisor Roundtables this Fall
October 17, 2005, at the Memorial Student Center
October 19, 2005, at the Mesquite Metroplex Center.
 4. A list of Faculty approved to teach graduate courses on an individual basis for May Mini, Summer and Fall 2005 was presented to the Council.
 5. A&M-Commerce submitted a thesis by Theodore Scott Smith (Psychology & Special Education) for the Council of Southern Graduate Schools Thesis Award competition.
 6. Information on Human Subjects Protection Training was distributed. There will be a campus session as well as an on-line option.
 7. The A&M-Commerce Student Research Symposium was announced. There will be a Student Poster Session at the Founder's Lounge in the MSC on October 26, 2005. Students are encouraged to exhibit posters concerning their research and projects. Judges will give feedback to the students on their posters and presentations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Louise Skinner
Secretary to the Graduate Council