

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 14, 2008

The Graduate Council met Tuesday, October 14, 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. 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.

Action Items

The minutes from the last Graduate Council, September 9, 2008, were approved.

Dr. Headley recognized the newly elected student representatives to the Graduate Council. Ms. Stacey Stancik (Health & Human Performance) will represent master's and nondegree students and Ms. LeAnn Nash (Literature & Languages) will represent doctoral students.

Mr. Randy Jolly (Marketing Communications) addressed the Council. He discussed the newly formed Marketing Advisory Council, the new look of our webpages and a content management system soon to be available, KETR Radio Station, and the electronic bulletin board located at Hwy 24 and Culver. He encouraged Council members to notify his office of newsworthy activities so that news releases can be distributed.

The committee chairs discussed the accomplishments for 2007-08 pertaining to his/her perspective committee. The accomplishments for 2007-08 are as follows:

Committee on Administration

Determined that Doctoral Departments should review admission and preadmission advising processes for their doctoral programs. The review should be part of the program review.

Approved new admissions criteria for MED in Agricultural Sciences.

Approved the use of UNT Intensive English Program in place of TOEFL for applicants in the Rajabhat program.

Committee on Curriculum

Established an official procedure for second master's degree.

Established an official procedure for Master's of Science degree.

Approved request from the Department of Literature and Languages to change the doctoral residency requirements.

Approved request from Department of Literature and Languages for a graduate certificate program in *Children's & Adolescent Literature and Culture*.

Approved request from the Department of Literature & Languages to change language requirement for Master's of Art in English, Master's of Art in Spanish, and Doctor of Philosophy in English.

Committee on Graduate Faculty, Research & Instruction

Approved removal of 3-year associate graduate faculty status to strengthen criteria for associate membership.

Recommended changes to Interim Provost Hendrix in regard to faculty workload procedure for thesis/dissertations.

Committee chairs presented charges for 2008-09

Committee on Curriculum

Dr. Hanners presented a request from the Department of Literature and Languages for a graduate certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). The Council unanimously approved the request.

Committee on Graduate Faculty, Research & Instruction

Dr. Royal presented the committee recommendations for graduate faculty membership. The Council unanimously approved Associate membership for Dr. Ellen Faulkenberry (Mathematics), Dr. James Leist (Educational Leadership), Dr. Jennifer Oyler (Marketing & Management) and Dr. Larry Watson (Social Work). Senior Visiting Scholar membership was approved for Dr. Michael Morrison (Biological & Environmental Sciences).

Information Items

The A&M System's Pathways Student Research Symposium will be hosted by A&M-Commerce on November 7 & 8, 2008. October 19th is the deadline for abstracts and registration for students, faculty, and judges. For additional information visit <http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/gradschool/Pathways/>. Registration will be paid for A&M-Commerce faculty and students participating in this event. We need judges for Friday 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Participation by students and faculty was encouraged.

Pathways Junior Faculty Workshop will be held in conjunction with the Symposium at A&M-Commerce on November 7, 2008. Information will be sent to faculty via e-mail.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 4:00.

Louise Skinner
Secretary to the Graduate Council