

MINUTES
GRADUATE AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Friday, April 21, 2006

1:00 p.m. – Heth New River Room

PRESENT: Dr. Robert Hiltonsmith, Dr. Gerald Gordon, Dr. Donald Langrehr, Dr. Diane Hodge, Ms. Jenni Stroup, Dr. Carole Seyfrit, Dr. Robert Trent, Dr. Erin Webster-Garrett, Dr. Eloise Philpot, Dr. Carol Geller, Dr. James Gumaer, Dr. Bob McCracken, Ms. Carolyn Hines for Ms. Heidi Terry, Dr. Claire Waldron.

1. MINUTES

Minutes from the March 3, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

2. SUB-COMMITTEE/ WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Graduate Faculty – Four graduate faculty applications not requiring Graduate Affairs Council review were reported. Nine other applications requiring subcommittee review were presented and recommended for approval and approved by the Graduate Affairs Council.

Academic Course and Program Review – Thirteen proposals were presented at the April 14, 2006 Academic Course and Program Review committee meeting. Proposals from Special Education, Counselor Education, Nursing, Criminal Justice, Reading, Social Work, and Art were approved, some with required follow-up. One of the four proposals from Reading (04-EDRD-06 Program Revision) was tabled pending input from Reading. One proposal from Education to change admission requirements was withdrawn. It was agreed that if Reading and Education proposals to change admission requirement are revised similar to the Special Education proposal and can be reviewed electronically by the Academic Course and Program Review committee prior to the catalog deadline those changes will be effective for the 2006-2007 academic year. (Note: No changes can go into effect until they receive approval from the graduate dean and the Vice President for Academic Affairs).

Graduate Student Council - Report from Jenni Stroup: The Graduate Student Council (GSC) has been going through a building year. Throughout this year we have hosted several events including Graduate Faculty/Staff Appreciation in the Fall and Spring. Next week (Last week of class) on Wednesday April 26, there will be a Graduate Student Exam Break with Free Pizza from 9:30-11 p.m., on Friday April 28th, there will be another exam break with energy drinks and power bars offered in the Graduate Student Lounge in the Library throughout the day. The GSC is currently working on getting new senators appointed to the SGA, and following those appointments, the rest of the leadership team will be established. The GSC has recently updated the webpage, and is looking to initiate several things next year including a joint newsletter with the Graduate College, and recognizing outstanding graduate students and graduate faculty.

Thesis Working Group - Dr. Seyfrit and Sandy Steele will review proposed revisions submitted by the working group. There are some changes to forms and edits to the manual needed and these will be made this summer.

Workload Group - The group attempted to meet on March 24 and this time the attendance by faculty members doubled (from one to two). This suggests that faculty most concerned about workload do not have the time to devote to discussing workload. Dr. Seyfrit noted that workload is being discussed by several of the taskforces on the Commission for the Future of the University and by the candidates for provost. It was also part of the Research report done last spring. Dr. Seyfrit will e-mail that report to the GAC.

3. **DEAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hooding - Please remember that department or program specific celebrations (flowers, cards, etc.) should be handled at a time OTHER than the hooding ceremony. We have limited time to get people hooded and each student should be given the same attention as every other student.

Thesis Awards – Four Thesis Award applications were received by the April 14th deadline. Drs. Robert Trent and Erin Webster-Garrett volunteered to serve with Dr. Carole Seyfrit on the Thesis Award committee. At a meeting on Thursday, April 20 the awards were determined and will be presented during the hooding ceremony on May 6. The results will be posted on the graduate college website.

Scholarships - With the increased participation by advanced degree alumni the annual fund appeal, two new scholarships were established: a \$1000 award to a new full-time degree seeking student and a \$500 award to a new part-time degree seeking student. The full-time award went to Heather Hord in Communication Sciences and Disorders. She will begin the program either summer 2006 or fall 2006. The part-time award is pending (an awardee has been identified, but has not yet indicated acceptance of the award). Thank to all the departments that submitted nominations. The number of scholarships will increase as the annual giving grows. Nominations will be solicited each year (probably in March for the full-time award and May for the part-time award).

Summer – Dr. Seyfrit requested and received approval from the GAC to have the subcommittees act for the whole during the summer. The Academic Course and Program Review Committee can act for the GAC on any last minute changes for the catalog as needed and the Graduate Faculty Committee have the authority to act for the GAC on graduate faculty applications that come in during the summer.

4. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

**Recommendations from Graduate Faculty Sub-Committee
Graduate Affairs Council Meeting
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Graduate Faculty Status		
Adjunct Graduate Faculty Status		
Strosnider, Steve	Counselor Education	COED 600, 611, 612, 614, 615, 620, 641, 642, 680, 686, 690
Holland, Lisa Dare	School of Teacher Education and Leadership	EDSP 622, 651, 672, 670
Graduate Faculty Associate		
Byers, Wendy	School of Teacher Education and Leadership	Limited to practica and internship supervision
Haskins, Vanessa	School of Teacher Education and Leadership	Limited to practica and internships

**Graduate Faculty Applications Not Requiring Sub-Committee Review
(Approved Since Last Graduate Affairs Council Meeting)**

Graduate Faculty Status		
Morrison, Kristan Kolenbrander, Ronald Loehrer, Rebecca Jaronski, Walter Trent, Robert Stanton, Wilbur Shareef, Reginald	School of Education and Teacher Leadership Educational Studies Psychology Chemistry and Physics Music Management and Marketing Political Science	POSC 530, POSC 531
Alexander, Jenny Burroughs	Social Work	SOWK 601, 602, 625, 631, 632, 641, 642, 783, 791, 792
Adjunct Graduate Faculty Status		
Durrill, Preston	Chemistry/Physics	
Graduate Faculty Associate		