

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
November 17, 2008, 3:30 PM

The Graduate Council met in the Dick Smith Library Multi-purpose Room, with Drs. Rick Cruz, David Drueckhammer, Keith Emmert, Kayla Peak, David Weissenburger, Roger Wittie, James Vardalis, Danna Beaty, Rusty Freed, Jeanelle Barrett, Dan Collins, Marcy Tanter, Sankar Sundarrajan for Hussain Jafri, Sue Erwin, Barry Lambert for James Mueller, Matt Wickes and Brandon Shipman from COGS. Dr. Linda Jones presided. Not present was Carol Thompson and George Mollick.

Dr. Jones called the meeting to order. She asked for action on the minutes of the last meeting in October 2008 and a motion was made to approve by Dr. Tanter and a second was made by Dr. Wittie. The motion carried and the October minutes were approved.

Curriculum Items

09008, Name Change, Dept. of Psychology & Counseling

In the College of Education, Dept. of Psychology & Counseling administers the MS in Ed. Psy. Containing 2 options: LPA and Experimental Psychology. In the past, school psychology was contained in this degree but has recently been moved the SSP degree. The request is to change the degree from MS in Ed. Psy. to MS in Psychology. Dr. Weissenburger moved to approve, Dr. Tanter seconded. Motion was approved.

09016, Change in Course MATH 560, Dept. of Mathematics

Dr. Emmert moved to approve the proposed change in course prerequisite. After discussion, Dr. Emmert amended his motion to table the motion, Dr. Vardalis seconded and Curriculum Item 09016 was tabled. Dr. Emmert will take the suggestions back to his Dean for approval.

Graduate Faculty

College of Agriculture and Human Science

Dr. Barry Lambert, Department of AGHS, presented for approval, Todd Bilby for adjunct responsibility level.

The vote was taken by ballot and majority voted approve.

General Discussion/New Business

Dr. Lambert discussed the benefit in his department of reutilizing the “retired” degree plan forms. He explained that because their degree is open-ended, this form would aid in advising students and provide a plan for course registration. Jones agreed to review the forms and provide needed documentation for advising.

Dr. Emmert raised the question of why Tarleton doesn't bank hours for graduate summer courses. The major constraint for summer banking is budget limitation; however it may be time

to revisit the practice. Dr. Jones asked for Council members to partner with her to draft a request for considering summer courses for primarily undergraduate faculty who regularly teach a few graduate courses. Drs. Emmert, Barrett and Freed volunteered to be a part of that subcommittee to approach this issue.

Brandon Shipman gave an update on transcribing concentrations. The current version of Banner prevented any further action on adding the concentration to the transcript and when the new version is implemented, we will proceed with the process. He reminded the Council that all concentration areas must go through the curriculum process. He also mentioned changes in graduation ceremonies and encouraged all departments to complete and return all necessary paperwork in time to the Graduate Office. Such documents include: degree plans, sub forms, comp exam forms, etc.

Dr. Linda Jones relayed several responses back to the Council on the questions/concerns provided to Dr. Dottavio about graduate education and the proposed plan to increase graduate tuition by another \$10. To address the need for funds for additional faculty hires, the Graduate Dean will propose an increase in the state tuition differential for graduate students. The increase will be a \$10 increase that would bring the graduate differential to \$30 per semester credit hour above the undergraduate tuition rate.

Dr. Jones reminded the group of the next meeting date and hoped she would see everyone then.
The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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