

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
October 19, 2009, 3:30 PM

The Graduate Council met in the Dick Smith Library's Multi-purpose Room, with Drs. Jeanelle Barrett, as SACS Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) representative, Dana Beaty, Henry Crockett, Richard Cruz, David Drucekhammer, Keith Emmert, Sue Erwin, Rusty Freed, Syed Jafri, Jerry Jones, Stephen McNett, George Mollick, James Mueller, Kayla Peak, Brandon Shipman (COGS), Leslie Stanley-Stevens (COGS), Marcy Tanter, Carol Thompson, James Vardalis, David Weissenburger, Roger Wittie and Phil Sudman for John Calahan. Dr. Linda Jones presided. Not in attendance was Shannon Waters (student rep.).

Dr. Jones called the meeting to order. She asked for action on the minutes of the last meeting in September 2009, Roger Wittie moved, followed by a second from Marcy Tanter, and minutes were approved.

Curriculum Items

College of Education, Department of Psychology and Counseling

Dr. David Weissenburger presented curriculum item 10035, *Change in Graduate Program*. Dr. Weissenburger moved to approve the change in course. Dr. Barrett seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Jones announced the recently approved name change from Clinical Laboratory Sciences to Medical Laboratory Sciences. The memorandum announcement was handed out.

Dr. Vardalis was proud to announce the launch of the Master of Criminal Justice degree now offered as a fully-online graduate degree. He commented on a success story at Sul Ross University in Alpine, TX who also offers their MCJ degree online and have seen a huge increase in enrollment for that program. He has hopes that Tarleton's success will mirror that.

Dr. Jones asked the Council their thoughts on Q-drops (dropping courses-limit of 6). Dr. Jones offered to keep it an agenda item for November to bring back and discuss further.

Dr. Jones reminded the Council of the graduate degree "shelf-life" (6 years). The Graduate Office has received an increase in appeals asking for extensions. She asked everyone to be aware of the course substitutions being approved can be no older than 6 years old if used to satisfy a degree requirement.

Brandon Shipman provided handouts of the updated Graduate Degree Plan and Course Substitution form and explained that the degree plan was taking the place of the Change of Major form currently being used to change majors in the system.

Dr. Jones provided the Council with several handouts concerning the University review of low-productivity masters' programs. She requested that if anyone had other criteria to add to the current list, to send it to her via email.

In closing, Dr. Jones reminded the Council of the 1.) TAMU Research Symposium in Laredo this year 2.) GRE workshop schedule 3.) Master's Hooding Ceremony again this term back in the Wisdom Gymnasium on December 11th at 7:00PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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