

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
September 15, 2008, 3:30 PM

The Graduate Council met in the Dick Smith Library's Multi-purpose Room, with Drs. Rick Cruz, David Drueckhammer, Malcolm Cross, Keith Emmert, Syed Jafri, James Mueller, Kayla Peak, Carol Thompson, David Weissenburger, Sue Erwin, Roger Wittie, Dean Minix, Danna Beaty, Rusty Freed for Nancy Boykin, Jeanelle Barrett, as SACS Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) representative, and Brandon Shipman from COGS. Dr. Linda Jones presided. Not in attendance were Drs. John Calahan, Henry Crockett, Marcy Tanter and George Mollick.

Dr. Jones called the meeting to order and introduced new Council members, introducing Dr. Sue Erwin, replacing Janet Whitley and Dr. Kayla Peak, replacing Ron Newsome. Dr. Dennis Jones was introduced as a guest, and Rusty Freed, Department Head, MMAS, representing Nancy Boykin. She asked for action on the minutes of the last meeting in April 2008 and they were approved by acclamation. Each member around the room was then asked to introduce themselves and their department for all new members and guests.

Curriculum Items

College of Agriculture and Human Science, Department of Animal Science

Dr. James Mueller presented curriculum item 08389, New Graduate Program: Master of Science in Animal Science. Dr. Mueller explained that this new degree program will have both the thesis and non-thesis options and for students who take the non-thesis option, an individualized comprehensive exam based on courses taken will be given. There will be two required courses, Research (ANSC 580) and Seminar (ANSC 585), and the rest are electives. The program contains an 18 hour emphasis in Animal Science (ANSC) with concentrations as specialized as the program scope allows. Dr. Mueller moved to approve the new degree program. Dr. Drueckhammer seconded. Motion carried.

Graduate Faculty

A number of graduate faculty nominations were on this meeting's agenda.

College of Agriculture and Human Sciences

Dr. Roger Wittie, Department of AAHRM, presented for approval, Donald McGahan for associate membership level.

Dr. James Mueller, Department of Animal Science, nominated Adam Tittor for adjunct membership level. Mr. Tittor is ABD to complete in May 2009.

Dr. David Drueckhammer, Department of AS&D, moved for changing Wilmara Harder from adjunct membership level to associate membership level.

College of Education

Dr. Danna Beaty, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, moved for approval of Dennis McCabe as full membership level.

College of Liberal and Fine Arts

Dr. Dean Minix, Department of SW,S,CJ, nominated James Vardalis as full membership level.

College of Science and Technology

Dr. Keith Emmert, Department of Mathematics, moved for changing Richard Winton from associate membership level to full membership level. He also moved new approval for Mienie de Kock to associate membership level.

Graduate Council members were given a ballot for voting. Majority voted Approve, all seven graduate faculty nominations carried.

Guest and representative for graduate program compliance, Dr. Dennis Jones, was invited to address SACS accreditation compliance issues within TSU graduate programs. He, along with Dr. Linda Jones, expressed the importance of compliance and recommended the Graduate Council go on record with a statement of policy. Dr. Dennis Jones pointed out that we were not in compliance with 3.6.1 "Post-Baccalaureate Program Rigor" and 3.6.2 "Graduate Curriculum." Dr. Syed Jafri moved for the Graduate Council to adopt a policy. Dr. Danna Beaty seconded. Motion carried. This document will appear in the University catalog and on the graduate website as well as in the documentation report for SACS.

Dr. Linda Jones reminded Graduate Council that they now should have access to view the Graduate Council report in WEAVEOnline. She asked for feedback on outcomes, strategies and measures before those documents are officially submitted. Dr. Carol Thompson reminded the Council that the WEAVEOnline update is scheduled next week and the guest username and password will not be available until after the update is in place.

Dr. Jones asked the Council to be aware of the 6th Annual System Pathways Research Symposium that takes place this year in TAMU-Commerce. Registration is now open and that deadline is October 19, 2008. Dr. Thompson reminded the group of the October 25th Tarleton State University Student Research Symposium and faculty and students should participate.

Brandon Shipman gave a report on the \$500 First Time Graduate Scholarship award recipients. For the fall 2008 semester, 37 awards have been given out totaling \$18,500.00. Dr. Jafri and Dr. Emmert asked if it was past the deadline to give additional awards and were told to contact Mr. Shipman with that information.

Dr. Linda Jones announced the remaining meeting dates and let the Council know that in the next meeting, October 20th, Dr. F. Dominic Dottavio, new TSU president, will be a guest.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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