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GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
September 21, 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, Henry Crockett, Malcolm Cross, Richard Cruz, Kimberly Bellah for 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, Shannon Waters (student rep.), David Weissenburger, and Roger Wittie. Dr. Linda Jones presided. Not in attendance were Drs. Danna Beaty, Carol Thompson, and James Vardalis.

Dr. Jones called the meeting to order and introduced new member: Shannon Waters, graduate student representative and Leslie Stanley-Stevens as the new assistant in the Graduate Office. She also welcomed Jerry Jones and Stephen McNett who joined us from TAMU-CT. She asked for action on the minutes of the last meeting in April 2009, Roger Wittie moved, followed by a second from Marcy Tanter, and they were approved by acclimation.

**Curriculum Items**

College of Business Administration, Department of CIS

Dr. Henry Crockett presented curriculum item 09195, *Graduate Course Change* (CIS 519). Dr. Crockett moved to approve the change in course. Dr. Mollick seconded. Motion carried.

College of Business Administration, Department of MMAS

Dr. Rusty Freed presented curriculum item 10008, *Graduate Course Deletion* (MKTG 512). Dr. Freed moved to approve the course deletion. Dr. Mollick seconded. Motion carried.

**Graduate Faculty Nominations**

College of Agriculture and Human Sciences

Dr. Roger Wittie, Department of AAHRM, presented for approval, Jason Johnson, for adjunct responsibility level. He also presented for approval, Hennen Cummings and Mark Yu to move from associate to full responsibility level.

Dr. James Mueller, Department of Animal Science, presented for approval, Gerald Evers, for adjunct responsibility level.

College of Business Administration

Dr. Rusty Freed, Department of MMAS, presented for approval, Anthony Vrba, for associate responsibility level.

College of Education

Dr. David Weissenburger, Department of Psychology and Counseling, presented for approval, Mercy Chieza, for associate responsibility level. He also presented for approval, Walter Murphy, Allison Stewart and Renee Michalski, all for adjunct responsibility level.

College of Science and Technology

Dr. Keith Emmert, Department of Mathematics, presented for approval, Jesse Crawford, for associate responsibility level.

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

Dr. Jones opened discussion on the proposed University review on the low-productivity masters' programs. There will be an Academic Affairs Task Force to examine the data and recommend University actions for increasing productivity. Ms. Waters commented on her perceptions on graduate recruiting. Dr. Cross, Department Head for Social Sciences, offered thoughts on costs of graduate programs in his department. Undergraduate survey courses in History and Political Science are taught by tenured faculty who are available to teach graduate courses as needed.

Dr. Jones mentioned her survey on out-of-state tuition waivers for online programs and courses and that it is very unlikely that Tarleton can begin to give these. Dr. Mollick commented that TSU actual can at our discretion but that our Business Services office currently doesn't have a mechanism in place to take care of that. Further investigation is warranted due to document low enrollment by out-of-state or international student in our programs.

Dr. Jones asked the Council to be aware of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual System Pathways Research Symposium that takes place this year at Texas A&M International University in Laredo, TX. A planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23 in Admin. 208 for those interested in attending or sending their students.

Brandon Shipman announced that he updated the Graduate Acknowledge Plan and Course Substitution forms and that they are available on the web for faculty use.

Dr. Linda Jones announced the upcoming GRE workshops and hooding ceremony. She ended with the congratulatory announcement that Drs. McGahan and Faske, Dept. of AAHRM, were nominated and approved as Texas A&M System Graduate Faculty members.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
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