Graduate Council Minutes  
February 28, 2002

The Graduate Council met at 3:30 P.M. in the Cope Conference Room. Chair Stephen Shearon presided.

I. Call to order

Members present: Drs. Claudia Barnett, Thomas Berg, John Bodle, Mamit Deme, David Foote, Terrence Lee, Jan Leone, Peggy O'Hara Murdock, Mary Nichols, Ellen Slicker, Vincent Smith, Andrew Worsey, Barbara Young

Ex-officio member present: Dean Donald Curry

Others present: Drs. Pam Holder and Maria Smith/Nursing Department
Dr. Peter Cunningham/HPERS/Graduate Office,
Karen Demonbreum & Ronda Sullivan/Graduate Office

II. Approval of Minutes - January 31, 2002

III. Announcements

A. Dean Donald Curry

(1) Dr. Curry announced that the College of Graduate Studies created a webpage on its website that contains an up-to-date list of 1) all graduate faculty by department, 2) the type and expiration date of that membership, and 3) all those faculty who have been given an exception to teach certain courses.

We have already had positive feedback and the website has been effective in getting information to some faculty members that it's time to renew their membership, which had lapsed.
(2) Update on TBR transfer credit & grades. TBR has decided to put this item on hold for now.

(3) President McPhee will be attending the March Graduate Council meeting.

B. Dr. Stephen Shearon

Dr. Shearon thanked the Graduate Office staff, especially Karen Demonbreum, for all the hard work they did on the Graduate Faculty Membership list that is now posted on the College of Graduate Studies webpage.

C. Dr. Peter Cunningham, Faculty Assistant to the Dean

(1) Dr. Cunningham shared with the Graduate Council an example of a brochure that has been developed for recruiting purposes. The brochures are all standardized on the outside listing relevant MTSU information. On the inside each department can customize for their specific program. Graduate Studies will cover the expense to format the brochure and the department will be responsible for having the brochure printed. Please contact Dr. Cunningham if you are interested. Each department may have more than one brochure (MA-DA-specialization, etc.).

(2) Graduate Studies and the College of Basic and Applied Sciences are currently preparing a proposal for the Council of Graduate Schools and
Sloan Foundation to study the feasibility of a professional master's degree. The initial grant would be for $7,500 with a subsequent grant of $50,000 if the feasibility study indicated a need for this type of degree.

(3) 10,000 "Summer School for Teachers" flyers have been mailed to all schools and school systems in the region. A special thanks to Dr. Bergman /Elementary and Special Education and Dr. Huffman/Educational Leadership for sharing the expenses of this mailer.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty and Program Review
   Dr. Ellen Slicker, Chair
   1) Consent calendar attached - all items have been approved.

B. Student Affairs and Travel
   Dr. Thomas Berg, Chair
   Dr. Peter Cunningham reported in Dr. Berg's absence that beginning with a balance of $15,000, nineteen (19) student travel grants have been awarded totaling $8,792.04. The balance remaining in the account is $6,207.96.

V. New Business

Dean Curry asked that the Policies and Procedures Subcommittee to reevaluate the reassigned time issue. He feels that it is important that release time be based on research and not based solely on a faculty member teaching a graduate level course. The committee will make a recommendation to the Council after its review.
He also wanted the Policies and Procedures Subcommittee to review graduate faculty membership and research expectations (looking at the link between tenure and promotion to Associate Professor).

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The next Graduate Council Meeting is scheduled for March 21st, 3:30 p.m. in the Cope Conference Room.

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Respectfully submitted by Ronda Sullivan, Recording Secretary.

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Graduate Council - Consent Calendar
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Graduate Faculty Memberships

**Doctoral Membership - Initial Appointment**
Linda C. Badley / English
Gaylord Brewer / English
Bichaka Fayissa / Economics and Finance
Angela Hague / English
Alfred Lutz / English
Malissa Martin / HPERS
Nadeem Naqvi / Economics and Finance

**Full Membership - Initial Appointment**
Carol Detmer / Human Sciences

**Full Membership - Re-Appointment**
Associate Level 1 Membership
Ngee Sing Chong / Chemistry (Renewal)
Jeannie Johnson Harrington / Accounting

Adjunct Membership
Brenda Rambo-Igney / Psychology

********** Curriculum Changes **********

History
Change the admission GPA (grade point average) for both the MA and DA programs from 2.75 to 3.00.

HPERS
HLTH 6500 New Course: Pathopharmacology in Health and Human Performance
3 credit hours, effective fall 2002

Music
Specialization Title changes, effective fall 2002

Specialization 1: Collaborative Arts with an Instrumental Emphasis
change to: Collaborative Piano with an Instrumental Emphasis

Specialization 2: Collaborative Arts with a Vocal Emphasis
change to: Collaborative Piano with a Vocal Emphasis

MUPD 5320 Piano Literature, increase credit hours from 2 to 3.
effective fall 2002

Nursing

Graduate Certificate Program in Nursing Informatics
A total of 17 hours is required, which includes the following courses: effective fall 2002:
Courses will not be approved until the Certificate Program has been approved by TBR.

NURS 6510 Nursing Informatics & Information Management in Clinical Practice,
2 hours

NURS 6530 Health Care Information Systems, 3 hours

NURS 6550 Analysis & Design of Health Care Information Systems, 3 hours

NURS 6560 Nursing Informatics Applications I, 2 hours

NURS 6570 Strategies for Implementation & Evaluation of Health Care Information
Systems, 3 hours

NURS 6580 Nursing Informatics Applications II, 2 hours

NURS 6590 Health Care Data Analysis Techniques, 2 hours

Political Science

P S 5230 Course Title Change: effective summer 2002
From: Political Theory - To: Classical Political Theory

P S 5330 Course Title Change: effective summer 2002
From: Politics and the Party System - To: Political Parties