

Graduate Council Minutes

October 25, 2002

The Graduate Council met at 2:00 p.m. in the President's Conference Room. Chair Ellen Slicker presided.

I. Call to Order

Members present: Drs. Frank Bailey, Claudia Barnett, Thomas Berg, John Bodle, Jackie Eller, Bichaka Fayissa, David Foote, Harold Henn/Student, Mary Hoffschwelle, Tom Hutchison, Terrence Lee, Ellen Slicker, Vincent Smith, Norman Weatherby

Ex-officio member present: Dean Donald Curry, Associate Dean Peter Cunningham

II. Approval of Minutes – September 27, 2002

Dr. Lee moved that the minutes from the September 27, 2002 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Berg and carried.

III. Announcements

Dean Donald Curry restated an earlier announcement in which he reported that MTSU would propose keeping all low producing graduate programs. This proposal has now gone to the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR).

THEC will be meeting in mid November regarding the conversion of D.A. degrees to Ph.D's.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty and Program Review Dr. Claudia Barnett, Chair

1. Dr. Barnett moved that the Council approve the recommended consent calendar attached to the agenda; the motion was seconded by Dr. Berg and carried.
2. Dr. Diane Sawyer distributed materials for a proposed certificate in Dyslexic Studies. Upon discussion and further questions to Dr. Sawyer, Dr. Eller moved that the Council approve the proposed certificate; the motion was seconded by Dr. Berg and carried.

B. Student Affairs and Travel Dr. Thomas Berg, Chair

Dr. Berg reported that beginning with a balance of \$10,169.00, three (3) student travel grants have been awarded totaling \$1,474.00. The balance remaining in the account is \$8,695.00.

C. Policies and Procedures Dr. Vincent Smith, Chair

Dr. Smith reported that the subcommittee recommends the retention of the +/- grading system. Any further action by the Council is not required as no changes are recommended.

V. Old Business

Dr. Eller reported that the committee tasked to look at transferring credit hours towards the Regent's Online Master's Degree Program (RODP) noted that this program was unique from others and that a twelve (12) hour transfer was appropriate, especially given that "on ground" students are allowed to transfer six (6) minor credits from outside the university. No further discussion is needed at this time.

As an alternative to the Council's November 30, 2001 recommendation it was proposed but not approved that:

- *Master's and Ed.S. Students – Non-Thesis Option: A student must enroll for a one credit hour comprehensive examination preparation course during the semester s/he plans to graduate.*

The Council voted to retain the current recommendation that was approved on November 30, 2001, which reads:

- *Master's and Ed.S. Students – Non Thesis Option: A student must be enrolled for a minimum of one credit hour during the semester s/he plans to graduate.*

Dean Curry asked the Council's consideration to the following proposed revision:

- *Master's and Ed.S. Students – Non-Thesis Option: A student **not enrolled in other program coursework** must enroll for a one credit hour comprehensive course during the semester s/he plans to graduate.*

Note: If the above alternative is approved and recommended by the Graduate Council; supported by the Graduate Dean, and approved by the Provost as a policy change, this will require the development of a one credit hour comprehensive examination course for each relevant graduate program.

Dr. Bailey moved that the Council approve the recommendation; the motion was seconded by Dr. Berg and carried.

V. New Business

Dr. Slicker asked that anyone having moratorium information on courses/programs at TBR to please let her know.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Lynn Parker
Recording Secretary

