

Graduate Council Minutes

January 24, 2003



The Graduate Council met at 2:30 p.m. in the Cope 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, Phil Mathis, Vincent Smith

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

II. Approval of Minutes – November 22, 2002

III. Announcements

A. Dean Donald Curry

1. **Research/Creative Activity Funds** - Dean Curry noted that funds are still available for faculty research grants
2. **DA “Continuation”** – TBR has “relaxed” its previous position that students currently enrolled in D.A. programs must convert to Ph.D. to allow ABD students who were enrolled in the 2002 fall semester to continue in their respective D.A. programs. Dean Curry noted that we do not know how long TBR will allow this to continue so students should be encouraged to complete their work as quickly as possible. A meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2003 with Doctoral Coordinators and Department Chairs to discuss further.
3. **Thesis Submissions & Comprehensive Exams** – Dean Curry noted that although rare, there are occasions whereupon a student completes his/her thesis before completing the comprehensive exam; then takes the exam and fails it. Should a student be required to take the comprehensive exam before completing their thesis work? The Policies and Procedures Committee, chaired by Vince Smith will address this issue and report back to the council at the next meeting.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty and Program Review

Dr. Claudia Barnett, Chair

Dr. Barnett moved that the Council approve the recommended consent calendar attached to the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

B. Student Affairs and Travel

Dr. Thomas Berg, Chair

Dr. Berg reported that beginning with a balance of \$6,695.00, six (6) student travel grants have been awarded totaling \$3,000.00. The balance remaining in the account is \$3,695.00.

C. Policies and Procedures
Dr. Vincent Smith, Chair

Comprehensive Examination and Preparation – Two courses (6999 and 7999)
Dr. Smith passed out copies of proposed course outlines for students who are not enrolled in any other graduate courses but will take the specialist's comprehensive examination during the term (non-thesis or dissertation students only). Enrollment in this course would allow for those student's to be in "the system" and make use of university resources. Various members of the council raised several issues and questions concerning the courses. After lengthy discussion it was moved to table any action; Council members will take the proposed courses back to their respective departments for discussion and bring recommendations and/or comments to the next Council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Lynn Parker
Recording Secretary