

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

February 22, 2010

The Graduate Council met at 2:30 p.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room of the Sam Ingram Building. Vince Smith presided as Chair.

I. Call to Order

Members present:

Clare Bratten, Cosette Collier, Dorothy Craig, Gore Ervin, Kevin James, Minsoo Kang, Donald Lester, Medha Sarkar, and Greg Schmidt

Ex-Officio members present:

Michael Allen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Vince Smith, Chair

Dr. Smith called the meeting to order.

B. Dr. Peter Cunningham, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Cunningham reported that the College of Graduate Studies has over thirty applicants to the Math and Science Education Ph.D. program. There are twenty to thirty applicants for each of the Computational Science and Molecular Biosciences Ph.D. programs. Each of the three programs has ten graduate assistantships to offer.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting—January 25, 2010

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January 25, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review Dr. Kevin James, Chair

- Consent calendar attached
- *A motion was made to accept the consent calendar. The motion was seconded and carried.*

B. Student Affairs and Travel
Dr. Clare Bratten, Chair

- Dr. Bratten reported that the Graduate Program Enhancement Travel Budget has been nearly depleted.

C. Policies and Procedures
Dr. Bren Martin, Chair

- No report

D. Graduate Program Review
Dr. Dorothy Craig, Chair

- The committee has recommended Dr. Silas Blackstock from the University of Alabama for the M.S. in Chemistry graduate program review.
- *A motion was made to accept the selected external reviewer. The motion was seconded and passed.*

E. Catalog Committee
Dr. Gore Ervin, Chair

- Dr. Ervin asked for volunteers for the Catalog Committee. Drs. Medha Sarkar and Cosette Collier volunteered to serve.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- Dr. Bratten stated her concerns over the impact of the recent change to include graduate assistants with 18 or more hours in a discipline in the department staffing profiles. After some discussion about the impact of the change on graduate programs and departmental structures, the Council made a motion to invite Interim Provost Dr. Diane Miller and the appropriate staff to the next Graduate Council meeting to explain the new procedure and answer questions. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Dr. Vince Smith will invite Dr. Miller and the graduate program coordinators to the next Council meeting to be held on March 29th at 2:30 pm in Ingram 101.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Hawkins, Recording Secretary

Graduate Council – Consent Calendar February 22, 2010

Graduate Faculty Membership

Adjunct

Stephanie Toothman / History

Associate

Sekou M. Franklin / Political Science

Stephen D. Morris / Political Science

Full – Reappointment

James C. Tate / Psychology

Jane L. Williams / Educational Leadership

Doctoral – Reappointment

James N. Comas / English

Curriculum Changes

Engineering Technology

Non-Substantive Revisions in Curriculum of Existing Major, Minor, Emphasis

ET 6390 Productivity Strategies/Lean Systems
Change prerequisite to require 'Graduate Standing Only', effective Spring 2010

Business Communication and Entrepreneurship

Reactivation of Course

BCEN 6600 Organization and Coordination of Marketing Education, effective Summer 2010