

Graduate Council Minutes

November 22, 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, Phil Mathis, Peggy O'Hara Murdock, Vincent Smith, Norman Weatherby, Barbara Young

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

II. Approval of Minutes – October 25, 2002

III. Announcements

A. Dean Donald Curry

1. **Ph.D. Programs** - Dean Curry explained with the approval of the programs those students currently enrolled in D.A. programs must, per a directive from Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), convert to the Ph.D. This directive is problematic for some students. Dean Curry is pursuing clarification and/or some leniency from TBR. He has already spoken with Paula Short, TBR Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and TBR legal counsel. Dr. Curry further noted the tremendous work of Dr. McPhee in making these programs a reality. Dr. Slicker expressed thanks to Dean Curry for his involvement as well.
2. **Low Producing Programs – TBR Preliminary Actions:**
 - a. Aviation Administration - will continue and be monitored
 - b. Biology MST - recommended combining with the MS in Biology
 - c. Economics MA - will continue and monitor for three (3) years
 - d. Human Sciences - TBR recommended phasing HS out - MTSU rebutted and it is being re-evaluated
 - e. MVTE - phased out
 - f. Chemistry DA - continue and monitor for three (3) years
 - g. Economics/English - continue THEC
 - h. History DA - TBR recommended phasing out - program is not showing growth
3. **Comprehensive Exam Course** - this has been approved. The Council needs to develop the course for the catalog. The Policies and Procedures Committee, chaired by Dr. Vincent Smith, will develop the course.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

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

Dr. Barnett moved that the Council, with the addition of PSY 6101, approve the recommended consent calendar attached to the agenda; the motion was seconded and carried.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports (continued)

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

Dr. Berg reported that beginning with a balance of \$8,695.00, four (4) student travel grants have been awarded totaling \$2,000.00. The balance remaining in the account is \$6,695.00.

C. Policies and Procedures
Dr. Vincent Smith, Chair

No report at this time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Lynn Parker
Recording Secretary