Graduate Council Minutes

October 2, 2009

Members Present: Thomas Eaves (Chair), Ruth Caillouet, Michael Tidwell, Katie Willock, Nathan Borchelt, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, David Messer, Thomas McIlwain, Jennell Charles, Louis Jourdan, Shakil Aktar

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Members Not Present: Brigitte Byrd

Meeting called to order by Dr. Eaves at 1:05 p.m.

Minutes of the September 4, 2009 Graduate Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Burns-Ardolino and seconded by Dr. Borchelt, and approved by the Council.

Dr. Eaves presented the M.S. in Psychology degree and course proposals to the Council. The council members were extremely concerned how the addition of this program will affect the faculty members in that department. The graduate council members asked for the Psychology department to send a plan for recruitment of new faculty members and how the new faculty responsibilities and load will be addressed. This information will be distributed to the council members via email and members will vote to approve or deny the proposal electronically. A motion was made by Dr. Burns-Ardolino to approve the proposal and courses’ pending satisfactory response to council’s pending questions.

Dr. Borchelt presented the mathematics course proposals to the council. The INSY 5101 course is tabled until January 2010 so that the Nursing and Math graduate program coordinators can further collaborate. Dr. Borchelt indicated that the MAED 6300 and 6400 courses are similar to the equivalent courses that were developed by English. These courses would be taken by students in post-secondary tracks or who were already certified. A motion to approve the courses was made by Dr. Burns-Ardolino, seconded by Dr. Charles and approved by the Council.

The committee reviewed the graduate faculty applications listed below:

* Craig Hill - (Ph.D.), School of Business (Full status) - Motion by Tidwell, seconded by Borchelt. Approved unanimously.
* Julia Spinolo - (Ph.D.), College of Health (Temporary status) - Motion by Burns-Ardolino, seconded by McIlwain. Approved unanimously.
* Eunice Warren - (Ph.D.), College of Health (Temporary status) - Motion by Burns-Ardolino, seconded by McIlwain. Approved unanimously.

Announcements/Issues/Other

Dr. Ruth Caillouet discussed the description changes that were made to the MAT English courses. The changes were acknowledged as administrative changes since there were only minor changes to the wording in the descriptions.

Dr. Tidwell asked about that status of the Accounting minor for the MBA degree program. Dr. Eaves indicated that the council met approved the minor several months ago. To date the 400 level courses had not been deleted via CAPC. Dr. Eaves indicated that the decision was made to not to cross list graduate and undergraduate courses whereby the graduate student just does a little extra work in the course.

The discussion regarding the criminal background check for all graduate students was table until a later meeting.

The Graduate Hooding Ceremony will be on Wednesday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. The nursing pinning ceremony will be held in Spivey Hall before the hooding ceremony. The Graduate Dean will be meeting with the Deans to determine the reception.

Dr. Eaves discussed with the council that midterm grades are required for all students, all courses, and at all levels. It is important to give students a benchmark.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor