Graduate Council Minutes

March 1, 2010

Members Present: Thomas McIlwain (Chair), Ruth Caillouet, Katie Willock, Nathan Borchelt, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Jennell Charles, Junfeng Qu, Michael Tidwell, Craig Hill, Jeff Chastain, Shayla Mitchell

Members Not Present: Thomas Eaves, Michael Tidwell, Brigitte Byrd

Guests: Deborah Deckner

Meeting called to order by Dr. McIlwain at 2:05 p.m.

Minutes of the February 8, 2010 Graduate Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Burns-Ardolino and seconded by Dr. Charles, and approved by the Council.

Dr. McIlwain asked the committee members if there were any additional agenda items they would like to have added. No additional items were requested to be added to the agenda.

The Council members took a moment to introduce themselves to one another.

The committee reviewed the graduate faculty applications listed below:

* Celeste Wally-Jean (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status) - Motion by Burns-Ardolino, second by Qu. Approved unanimously.

Dr. Burns-Ardolino presented the revised proposed changes the graduate faculty criteria that the Graduate Faculty subcommittee developed. After much debate the committee decided to change the full status membership to five years (was previously 3 years), associate status membership 3 years (previously 2 years), and affiliate status membership to 1 year (previously 3 years). The committee decided that faculty members could only be associate members once. These requirements are to go into effect August 1, 2010. Any graduate faculty applications received before August 1, 2010 and the individual is not teaching in the summer semester the application will be held until the August Graduate Council meeting. Motion to approve the new graduate faculty membership requirements was made by Willock, seconded by Burns-Ardolino, and approved by the Council.

Announcements

* Dr. McIlwain asked the committee to consider increasing the School of Graduate Studies application fee for applicants who do not complete the forms electronically. The topic will be further discussed at the next meeting.
* The School of Graduate Studies is looking for ways to streamline to admission review process. Suggestions include having the graduate program review the application first and to make an admission recommendation to the Graduate Dean. The discussion will be discussed further at a future meeting.
* Dr. McIlwain relayed to the Council that the Graduate Hooding Ceremony for spring 2010 will be held on Friday, May 7 at 3:30 p.m. at Spivey Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 3:41p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor