

Graduate Council Minutes
March 14, 2011

Members Present: Thomas McIlwain (Chair), Katie Willock, Brigitte Byrd, Richard Pearce-Moses, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Judith Ogden, Craig Hill, Robert Vaughan, Betty Lane, Scott Stegall, Deborah Deckner, Shayla Mitchell, Ruth Caillouet, Junfeng Qu, Linda Nash, Nasser Momayezi

Members Not Present:

Guests: Mari Roberts, Emran Khan, Rafik Mohamed

Meeting called to order by Dr. McIlwain at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. McIlwain asked Council members for any additions or modifications to the agenda. No additions or modifications to the agenda were made.

Minutes from the February 14, 2011 Graduate Council meetings were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Burns-Ardolino, seconded by Caillouet, and approved by the Council.

Rafik Mohamed presented the degree program proposal for the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice. He presented an overview of the degree program and reasons for the need for this type of program within the community and the basis for the courses that would be offered. The committee expressed several concerns about the proposal and asked if several minor changes could be made before to it before it is forwarded to the Board of Regents. The proposal was approved in principle with changes noted to Dr. Mohamed. The committee asked to review the proposal and full course proposal at the next Graduate Council meeting. The proposal was approved by Burns-Ardolino, seconded by Nash, and approved by the Council.

The committee reviewed the graduate faculty applications listed below:

- Alexander Hall (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status) – recommendation to approve was made by Caillouet, seconded by Burns-Ardolino, and approved by the Council.

Announcements

- Mari Roberts will become the Graduate Program Director for Education starting July 1, 2011.
- Dr. Caillouet presented the proposal to make EDUC 5400 a variable hour course. In this course the students learn and use qualitative and quantitative research methods that will enable them to write the thesis/project. The Council asked to have a formal memorandum presented at the next Graduate Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor