Graduate Council Minutes

April 12, 2010

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

Members Not Present: Jennell Charles, Deborah Deckner

Guests: Ron Jackson

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

Minutes of the March 1, 2010 Graduate Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Burns-Ardolino and seconded by Dr. Caillouet, and approved by the Council.

Dr. McIlwain introduced Ron Jackson of the Faculty Senate to the Council members. Drs. Jackson and McIlwain gave a brief background on the creation of the graduate committee of the faculty senate. It was discussed that the School of Graduate Studies is a separate school just like the other four college and schools. The council members had a number of concerns as to how this type of structure on the Faculty Senate would be implemented. At this time the graduate committee proposal section will be removed from draft of the faculty senate document and will be added back to the proposal at later date after further discussion by the Graduate Council. McIlwain requested volunteers for a subcommittee to further discuss the issue. The subcommittee members are Craig Hill, Jeff Chastain, and Nathan Borchelt. McIlwain asked the elected graduate council members to try to attend the April 13 faculty senate meeting.

Dr. McIlwain led the discussion concerning the need to offer undergraduate and graduate cross listed course. By allowing courses to be cross listed the University would be able to offer more courses. The topic was tabled until the June meeting. A motion to table the discussion was made by Burns-Ardolino, seconded by Willock, and approved by the council.

Dr. Tidwell introduced the new course proposal for BUSA 5100. The council recommended approval of the course, but requested Tidwell to submit a curriculum change proposal to the committee at the next meeting.

The committee reviewed the graduate faculty applications listed below:

* Michael Dalmat (Ph.D.), College of Business (Temporary Status) - Motion by Burns-Ardolino, second by Borchelt. Approved unanimously.
* Michael Dies (Ph.D.), College of Business (Full Status) - Motion by Burns-Ardolino, second by Caillouet. Approved unanimously.
* Mari Roberts (Ph.D.) –College of Arts and Sciences (Temporary Status) - Motion by Burns-Ardolino, second by Borchelt. Approved unanimously.
* Weihu Hong (Ph.D.) – College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (Full Status)- Motion by Chastain, second by Qu. Approved unanimously.
* George Nakos (Ph.D.) – School of Business (Full Status) - Motion by Tidwell, second by Mitchell. Approved unanimously.
* Greg McNamara (Ph.D.) – College of Arts and Sciences (Associate Status) – tabled until the next meeting.

Announcements

* 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.
* Master of Archival Studies will have an interview for the Graduate Program Coordinator position on April 28 at 2 p.m. The CV will be sent out soon.
* The Graduate Council members decided to have the next meeting on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 2 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor