Graduate Council Minutes

August 8, 2011

Members Present: Gwendolyn Jones Harold (Chair), Richard Pearce-Moses, Craig Hill, Deborah Deckner, Ruth Caillouet, Patricia Smith, Greg McNamara, Mari Roberts, Robert Vaughan, Tom McIlwain, Celeste Wally-Jean, and Linda Nash

Members Not Present: Betty Lane, and Judith Ogden

Meeting called to order by Dean Harold at 2:05 p.m.

Dean Harold asked Council members for any additions or modifications to the agenda. No additions or modifications to the agenda were requested.

Minutes from the June 13, 2011 Graduate Council meeting was reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by McIlwain, seconded by McNamara, and approved by the Council.

The committee reviewed and acted on the graduate faculty applications listed below:

* Gregory Flail (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status) – graduate application tabled until a later meeting.
* Mary Hollowell (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status) – recommendation to approve was made by McIlwain, seconded by Pearce-Moses, and approved by the Council.
* Jere Boudell (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status) – recommendation to approve was made by McIlwain, seconded by Pearce-Moses, and approved by the Council.
* Ruth Caillouet (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status) – recommendation to approve was made by McIlwain, seconded by Smith, and approved by the Council.
* Michael Dancs (Ph.D.), College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (Associate Status) – graduate application tabled until a later meeting.
* Brian Goldman (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status) – recommendation to approve was made by Wally-Jean, seconded by McIlwain, and approved by the Council.
* Junfeng Qu (Ph.D.), College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (Full Status) – recommendation to approve was made by Pearce-Moses, seconded by Nash, and approved by the Council.
* Terri Summers (Ph.D.), College of Health (Associate Status) – graduate application tabled until a later meeting.

Announcements

* Dean Harold indicated she would like to meet with each Graduate Program Director and any of the Graduate Council members about graduate education items such as the degree programs, recruitment, and marketing. She will be scheduling appointments over the next several weeks.
* Dean Harold explained Dr. Crafton suggested we might consider scheduling the graduate open house fewer times per year. Linda Nash made a motion to have the graduate open houses held on the seconded Tuesday of the odd months starting December 2011. The December 2011 meeting is cancelled so the open houses would be January, March, May, July, September, and November. The motion was seconded by Celeste Wally-Jean and approved by the Council.
* Dean Harold indicated some of Provost Crafton’s priorities for graduate education included updated graduate handbooks, and coordinating all of our various marketing efforts. She indicated a search was currently being conducted for a Grant Writer position which would help faculty members identify and apply for grants. There were 40 applicants and six were selected for telephone interviews. The goal will be to narrow the candidate pool and invite two to three candidates for campus interviews. The position should be filled by the end of August.
* Dean Harold indicated curriculum issues may be coming up soon as the curriculum for undergraduates is approved by faculty senate. We need to make sure everyone know what is going on.
* Robert Vaughan asked if a new location for future Graduate Council meetings could be found rather than using the Spivey Boardroom in Continuing Education.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor