Graduate Council Minutes

December 13, 2010

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

Members Not Present:

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

The committee reviewed the graduate faculty applications listed below:

* Christine Wiseman (M.L.I.S.), College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (Affiliate Status) – recommendation to approve was made by Pearce-Moses, seconded by Nash, and approved by the Council.
* Tina Seetoo (M.L.I.S.), College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (Affiliate Status) – recommendation to approve was made by Burns-Ardolino, seconded by Willock, and approved by the Council.
* Gwendolyn Jones Harold (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status) – recommendation to approve was made by Pearce-Moses, seconded by Qu, and approved by the Council.

Announcements

* The Council members decided that the School of Graduate Studies open house for December 2011 should be cancelled.
* Dr. McIlwain indicated that it may be necessary to approve some graduate faculty applications by email in the future should extraordinary circumstances arise. This idea can be further discussed at a later Graduate Council meeting.
* Dr. Willock indicated that in approving faculty, it looks like Nursing is proceeding forward with the collaboration with Columbus State. The collaboration poses some issues that must be reviewed by Graduate Council. The current plan is that Columbus State will teach a quarter of the curriculum and CSU will teach the remainder of it. As a result, Graduate Council will need to approve Columbus’ faculty to teach the Clayton State students. There is a concern that we might say “no” to someone that Columbus has accepted. Do we accept another institutions graduate faculty status by default? Dr. Willock noted that Columbus has a graduate school, but no graduate nursing program.
* Dr. McIlwain debriefed the Council on the December Graduate Hooding Ceremony. He received a note from President Tim Hynes that it was a great ceremony and that the President really likes the ceremony. The President did have a question about the numbers of participants at this ceremony. Dr. McIlwain asked the Council members to think of ways in which we could increase participation at future hooding ceremonies. Council members suggested that it be combined with commencement. There should also be a platform so that the person doing the hooding is taller and students would not be required to “kneel.” Dr. McIlwain asked Council member to share any other comments should they think of others at a later date.
* A subcommittee to develop a Graduate Student Handbook was appointed. The subcommittee members are Judith Ogden, Richard Pearce-Moses, and Deborah Deckner.
* Dr. McIlwain reminded the Council members that grades are due Tuesday, 14 December at 9:00 a.m. If you have a graduate student who will get an incomplete, you have to get permission to give the incomplete. It’s just a form. The registrar wants to ensure the student and faculty member be apprised of the policy, and the form includes the policy. .

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor