Graduate Council Minutes

April 9, 2012

Members Present: Gwendolyn Jones Harold (Chair), Richard Pearce-Moses, Deborah Deckner, Patricia Smith, Robert Vaughan, Tom McIlwain, Linda Nash, Betty Lane, Craig Hill, Lynn Stover, Mari Roberts and Judith Ogden

Members Not Present: Greg McNamara, William Hong, and Joe Johnson

Guests: Nasser Momayezi, and Rafik Mohammad

Meeting called to order by Dr. Harold at 2:07 p.m.

The minutes from February 13, 2012 Graduate Council meetings were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes for both meetings was made by Smith, seconded by Ogden, and approved by the Council

The committee reviewed the graduate faculty applications listed below:

* Ken Nguyen (Ph.D.), College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, (Full Status) – recommendation to approve was made by Pearce-Moses, seconded by McIlwain, and approved by the Council.
* Valencia Carter (Ph.D.), College of Health (Associate Status) – recommendation to approve was made by Nash, seconded by Johnson, and approved by the Council.

Rafik Mohammed presented the proposal to add a criminology concentration to the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree program. He explained the criminology concentration is different from recently proposed MS in criminal justice because it has more theory, rather than applied coursework and it is closer to a political science area. This concentration does not have the typical cop shop type courses that are in the traditional criminal justice degree programs. Mohammed felt both areas (criminal justice and criminology) would coexist together should the MS in criminal justice degree program be subsequently approved by the Board of Regents. Deborah Deckner indicated there is a SACS requirement, which states any psychology courses have to be taught by an instructor with a psychology content background, so the proposed psychology course for this concentration would need to use a different prefix instead of “PSYC”. Mohammed indicated that change could be made to the course. Motion to consider the proposal was made by McIlwain, seconded by Smith; the proposal was approved by all council members.

Judith Ogden presented the proposal to add two accounting courses to the MBA degree program. These courses would be cross listed with the current undergraduate courses. The current independent study courses have a BUSA course prefix, but to sit for the Accounting CPA examination the courses have to have an ACCT prefix. The change in prefixes to these courses were approved all council members.

Betty Lane presented the MSN degree program course changes for NURS 5410: Advanced Pathophysiology, NURS 5420: Advanced Health Assessment and NURS 5400: Advanced Pharmacology. The School of Nursing would like to request three courses be changed from two (2) hours to three (3) hours. This change in hours will enable the program to become more in line with CCNE standards and be more in line with what was needed by students who eventually apply to doctoral programs. As this transitions occurs this change will temporarily cause some students to have more than the required number of degree program hours to graduate. Robert Vaughan indicated this increase in hours should not pose a problem. The request was approved by all council members.

Richard Pearce-Moses presented the latest version of the proposed by-laws for the proposed relationship with Graduate Council and Faculty Senate. He indicated this version was developed by the subcommittee by reviewing the current Graduate Council by-laws, by-laws from other institutions and the current Faculty Senate by-laws. Several suggestions and changes were requested by council members and an updated version will be available for discussion at the next Graduate Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor