Graduate Council Minutes

May 9, 2011

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

Members Not Present: Shayla Mitchell

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 requested.

Minutes from the April 11, 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.

Dr. Burns-Ardolino presented the description change for POLS 5190: Studies in Politics. A motion to accept the changes was made by Nash, seconded by Qu, and approved by the Council.

Dr. Caillouet presented the program and course proposals for the Master of Arts in Teaching Biology. Council members expressed concerns about the number of graduate faculty members that would be taking on additional workload. A motion to approve the proposal was made by Burns-Ardolino, seconded by Ogden, and approved by the Council.

Pearce-Moses made a motion to review and act on the graduate faculty applications listed below as a group. The motion was accepted by the Council. The graduate faculty application for Greg Kordecki was tabled until the next meeting due to formatting issues. A recommendation to approve all of the graduate faculty applications was made by Pearce-Moses, seconded by Burns-Ardolino, and approved by the Council.

The committee reviewed the graduate faculty applications listed below:

* Antoinette Miller (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status)
* Eric Bridges, (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status)
* Deborah Deckner, (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status)
* Phillip DePoy, (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status)
* Stephen Burnett, (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status)
* Fran Norflus, (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status)
* Adam Tate, (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status)
* E. Joe Johnson, (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status)
* Eugene Ngezem, (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status)
* Marko Maunula, (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status)
* Susan Copeland, (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status)
* Catherine Deering, (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status)
* Nikki Finlay, (Ph.D.), School of Business (Full Status)
* Greg Kordecki, (Ph.D.), School of Business (Full Status)
* Maria Bullen, (Ph.D.), School of Business (Full Status)
* Anita Whiting, (Ph.D.), School of Business (Full Status)
* Chen-Miao Lin, (Ph.D.), School of Business (Full Status)

Announcements

* Deborah Deckner presented the information learned thus far regarding the various relationships between Graduate Councils and Faculty Senates. It seems that most Graduate Councils report to their Faculty Senate, but the nature of the relationship was indiscernible. The next step is to start contacting institutions to find out more information.
* The position announcement for the Graduate Dean position was sent to all faculty members.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor