Graduate Council Minutes

November 12, 2009

Members Present: Thomas Eaves (Chair), Ruth Caillouet, Michael Tidwell, Katie Willock, Nathan Borchelt, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, David Messer, Brigitte Byrd, Thomas McIlwain, Jennell Charles, Craig Hill, Junfeng Qu

Guests: Michael Crafton

Meeting called to order by Dr. Eaves at 11:19 p.m.

Dr. Crafton talked about the changes to the School of Graduate Studies and the selection of an Interim Graduate Dean. The reason for change did not stem from dissatisfaction with the current Graduate Dean, Dr. Eaves. Dr. Eaves is currently overworked, however he has never complained about his workload. This change in structure is being initiated now as the overall University structure is also undergoing changes. Dr. Crafton indicated that his philosophy was to delegate authority out of the Provost’s Office and give it back to the individual Schools/Colleges. He indicated that it was time that the School of Graduate Studies had a separate identity from the Office of the Provost. Dr. Crafton indicated that he would like for the minutes show that the Provost wishes to state that the University owes a considerable debt to Tom Eaves for his leadership as first dean of the graduate school. We hereby affirm that we respect, admire, and honor that service.

The Interim Dean’s responsibilities would include working with Dr. Eaves and the Assistant to the Graduate Dean, Elizabeth Taylor during the transition phase in an effort to move forward and redefine the needs and responsibilities of the School of Graduate Studies. The Interim Dean will also work closely with the Graduate Council to define the responsibilities of the new Graduate Dean. Dr. Eaves will provide a list of the activities that the typical Graduate Dean performs. The Interim Dean is a Dean for all of the graduate degree programs and not just the one that he/she currently administers. The Interim Dean would not necessarily be excluded from the permanent Graduate Dean position once the national search for the position begins. The qualifications for the Graduate Dean could include an individual who is tenured or on the cusp of obtaining tenure. The individual would need to also possess the qualifications that a graduate faculty member would be expected to possess. Non-faculty members holding this type of position would be a problem. The Interim Dean will serve from January to July 2010 or possibly longer if necessary until a search is concluded. This individual will serve as a full member on the Dean’s Council and on the President’s Cabinet. Dr. Crafton has interviewed each of the potential candidates and each individual has accepted the nomination for the position. There will be a special meeting of the Graduate Council soon so that each candidate for the Interim Graduate Dean position can be “interviewed” for the position by the council members. Dr. Crafton would like for this meeting to be lead by the Council, but he does not want to place the responsibility of deciding which candidate should fill the position solely on the shoulders of the Council members.

Minutes of the October 2, 2009 Graduate Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Tidwell and seconded by Dr. Burns-Ardolino, and approved by the Council.

The committee reviewed the graduate faculty applications listed below:

* C.R. Narayanaswamy - (Ph.D.), School of Business (Full status) - Motion by Burns-Ardolino, second by McIlwain. Approved unanimously.

* Lynn Stover - (Ph.D.), College of Health (Full status) - Motion by Tidwell, second by McIlwain. Approved unanimously.
* Kathryn Pratt Russell - (Ph.D.), College of Health (Full status) - Motion by Burns-Ardolino, second by Charles. Approved unanimously.
* Augustine Ayuk - (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Temporary status) - Motion by Messer, second by McIlwain. Approved unanimously for one term.
* Ali Dadpay – (Ph.D.), School of Business – tabled until December 2009 so that he can put his credentials in the appropriate format; A motion to table by Willock, second by Burns-Ardolino. Approved unanimously.
* Anthony Giovannitti – (Ph.D.), College of Information and Mathematical Sciences – (Full status) - tabled until December 2009 so that he can put his credentials in the appropriate format; A motion to table by Willock, second by Burns-Ardolino. Approved unanimously.

Dr. Katie Willock, MSN graduate program coordinator presented four course proposals that modified existing courses for that degree program.

NURS 5100, NURS 6020, NURS 6200, and NURS 6220: A motion to approve changes as listed in the memo from Dr. Willock was made by Dr. Burns-Ardolino, seconded by Dr. Borchelt, and approved by all members.

Dr. Nathan Borchelt, MAT Mathematics graduate program coordinator presented a new course proposal for that degree program.

MATH 6530: A motion to approve was made by Dr. Burns-Ardolino, seconded by Dr. McIlwain and approved by all members.

Dr. Eaves presented the Master of Archival Studies degree program course proposals since Dr. Roberts and Dr. Chastain were unable to attend the meeting. The changes being requested were decided on after consultation with the faculty of CIMS, and the Directors of the State and National Archives. Eaves will check on the course prefix to ensure that it does not conflict with other course prefixes within the University System of Georgia. The course proposals were tabled until a special meeting could be scheduled as the Council members had a number of questions concerning the proposed courses.

On Tuesday, November 17 the special meeting of the Graduate Council met to act on the Master of Archival Studies course proposals. The only Graduate Council member who was unable to attend this meeting was Dr. Craig Hill. Dr. Lila Roberts presented the MAS course proposals to the Council members. The voting results for each of the courses are listed below:

ARST 5000: 9-0 - for

ARST 5100: 8-1 - for

ARST 5110: 7-2 - for

ARST 6900: 9-0 - for

Announcements

* The proposal for the graduate degree program in Psychology is currently at the Board of Regents being reviewed. The earliest we will probably see the proposal on the BOR agenda will be January or February.
* The Dental Hygiene degree program proposal is still being prepared and has been listed as “On Hold” on the Board of Regents website.
* The Graduate Hooding Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, December 9 at 7 p.m. at CSU East. The ceremony may possibly be held at the Student Activities Center if it is available.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor