Graduate Council Minutes

February 8, 2010

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

Meeting called to order by Dr. McIlwain at 2:01 p.m.

Minutes of the January December 8, 2010 Graduate Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Burns-Ardolino and seconded by Dr. Qu, and approved by the Council.

Dr. McIlwain asked the committee members if there were any additional agenda items they would like to have added. No additional items were requested to be added to the agenda.

The committee reviewed the graduate faculty applications listed below:

* Dennis Attick - (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences (Full Status) - Motion by Burns-Ardolino, second by Willock. Approved unanimously.
* Larry Bryant – (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences – (Temporary Status) – Motion by Burns-Ardolino, seconded by Charles. Approved unanimously.
* John Quinn– (Ph.D.), School of Business – (Temporary status) – Motion by Burns-Ardolino, seconded by Qu. Approved unanimously pending receipt of the graduate faculty application via email by each of the committee members. Dr. McIlwain will send the graduate faculty application to the members.

Dr. Burns-Ardolino presented the proposed changes the graduate faculty criteria that the Graduate Faculty subcommittee developed. Dr. Eaves indicated that the original criteria developed by the Graduate Council for Clayton State was tied more to scholarship. After much debate Dr. McIlwain asked the committee to remove the temporary category and to resubmit new category qualifications for the three types of graduate faculty members: full, associate, affiliate. Dr. Burns-Ardolino will resubmit the new criteria to the committee at the March meeting.

Announcements

* Dr. McIlwain asked the members to think about the future structure of the Graduate Council. He indicated that some institutions have an elected member as the Chair of the Graduate Council or would the committee want the Graduate Dean of the School of Graduate Studies to continue to be the chair. Topic to be discussed further at the March Graduate Council meeting.
* Dr. McIlwain asked the members to evaluate the effectiveness of the monthly Graduate Open Houses and to also determine if we need to hold one on a Saturday. The Next Graduate Open House will be Tuesday, March 2 as the second Tuesday falls during the week of spring break.
* The next Graduate Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 1 since the second Monday in March falls on a furlough day.
* Dr. McIlwain indicated that the spring 2010 Graduate Hooding Ceremony was discussed in the Extended Cabinet meeting. Proposed dates and times for the ceremony were discussed during that meeting, but the President asked the Deans to make a decision regarding when it will be actually held. Further information on the spring 2010 Graduate Hooding Ceremony will be presented at the March Graduate Council Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor