Graduate Council Minutes

May 8, 2012

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

Members Not Present: Randy Rosenburg and Lynn Stover

Guests: Ruth Caillouet

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

The minutes from April 9, 2012 Graduate Council meeting was reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Pearce-Moses, seconded by Smith, and approved by the Council.

The committee reviewed the graduate faculty applications listed below:

* Bradley Westbrook (M.A. & MLIS.), College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, (Affiliate Status) – recommendation to approve was made by Nash, seconded by Smith, and approved by the Council.
* Shannon Cochran (Ph.D.), College of Arts and Sciences, (Associate Status) – recommendation to approve was made by Nash, seconded by Smith, and approved by the Council.
* Adel Novin (Ph.D.), College of Business, (Full Status) – recommendation to approve was made by Johnson, seconded by Smith, and approved by the Council.

Richard Pearce-Moses presented the proposed a Graduate Council/Faculty Senate bylaws document to the Council. After a brief discussion a motion was made to insert the proposed changes regarding faculty membership on the subcommittee and send the document to Faculty Senate for review. The recommendation to approve was made by Nash, seconded by McIlwain, and approved by all.

Judith Ogden presented the proposed changes to the MBA degree program. The change to the degree program entailed including the business foundational courses as part of the degree program, which would subsequently increase the total hours from 33 to 36. Individuals who do not need the foundational courses would be exempt from the requirement. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by McIlwain, seconded by Pearce-Moses, and approved by all. Ogden will send documentation to Vaughan so the Board of Regents can be notified of the proposed change to the degree program. The second change presented by Ogden was to change the name of the MBA Study Abroad course to Global Perspectives. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Deckner, seconded by Nash and approved by the Council.

Ruth Caillouet presented the proposed changes to the MAT degree program and the addition of several education courses to the curriculum. The changes to the MAT degree program would allow for a gifted endorsement at the state level for our graduates. The changes would include the addition of four courses with a practicum. The courses could be taken in any order by the practicum would be the last course. A recommendation to approve the endorsement and the addition of EDUC 5060 and EDUC 5800 was made by Johnson, seconded by Pearce-Moses, and approved by the Council.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor