Graduate Council Minutes

June 14, 2010

Members Present: Thomas McIlwain (Chair), Ruth Caillouet, Nathan Borchelt, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Junfeng Qu, Jeff Chastain, Shayla Mitchell, Thomas Eaves, Jennell Charles, Deborah Deckner, Judith Ogden

Members Not Present: Michael Tidwell, Brigitte Byrd, Craig Hill, Katie Willock

Meeting called to order by Dr. McIlwain at 2:05 p.m.

Minutes of the May 3, 2010 Graduate Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Caillouet and seconded by Dr. Charles, and approved by the Council.

Judith Ogden indicated that the Faculty Senate by-laws were approved, but the Graduate Council section of those by-laws were tabled until a later date. McIlwain indicated that the Graduate Council would be working on that section of those by-laws over the course of the next year. President Hynes is very keen on having a Graduate Council/Faculty Senate model that is similar to the one currently in place at University of West Georgia.

The council reviewed some of the criteria for graduate faculty membership. Dr. McIlwain discussed the need of having flexibility with the years of faculty experience that are currently outlined in the graduate faculty membership criteria. The Associate membership would read “ … junior faculty or experienced professional . . .”. The time limit information of the policy is ambiguous so that we could potentially allow an individual membership of one semester or up to three (3) years. A subcommittee composed of Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Ruth Caillouet, and Katie Willock will wordsmith the regulation to incorporate the items discussed.

The committee reviewed the undergraduate/graduate curriculum and cross listed courses policy proposal. Dr. McIlwain felt that a subcommittee should be appointed to further refine the proposal. The subcommittee is charged with further defining the specifics to this type of situation. The proposal was originally sent out for the April Graduate Council meeting. The subcommittee members are Nathan Borchelt, Ruth Caillouet, and Wendy Burns-Ardolino.

The committee reviewed the graduate faculty application listed below:

* Scott Stegall (Ph.D.), School of Business (Temporary Status) – Tabled until the applicant’s articles can be made available to the council members.

Announcements

* The Graduate Council decided that rather than having a separate application fee for electronically submitted applications and paper based submitted applications that the School of Graduate Studies should no longer accept paper based applications. This policy will be effective immediately.
* Dr. McIlwain briefly discussed having a graduate poster day during the Presidential inauguration week. This project will be discussed further at the next Graduate Council meeting. We do not have any specific details on the week’s activities yet.
* The new Master of Archival Studies Graduate Program Director, Richard Pearce-Moses will start July 1.
* We will try to have the fall semester Graduate Faculty meeting on Thursday, September 16 from 11:15 to 12:40.
* The next Graduate Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 6 at 2 p.m. since Dr. McIlwain will be at a conference on the meeting date currently scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor