Graduate Affairs Committee Minutes

June 12, 2017

Members Present: Robert A. Vaughan, Jr. (Chair), Andrea Allen, Louis Jourdan for Judith Ogden, Craig Hill, Josh Kitchens, Thomas McIlwain, Susan Copeland, Celeste Walley-Jean, Christy Hicks for Victoria Foster, MeriBeth Stegall, Kelli Nipper

Members Not Present: Melanie Poudevigne, Erin Nagel, Mark Watson, Patricia Smith, Mari Banks, Michael Dancs, Emily Harbert, Charles Elfer, Dennis Attick, Charlie Harris

Guests: Lisa Holland-Davis, Josh Meddaugh, and Chaogui Zhang

Meeting called to order at 2:50 p.m.

The minutes from April 10, 2017 Graduate Affairs Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes made by Hill and approved by the Committee.

The committee reviewed the graduate faculty applications below:

Dr. Colleen Walters, College of Health (Associate): motion to approve by Kitchens, seconded by Walley-Jean, approved by committee.

Dr. Lisa Smiley, College of Health (Full): motion to approve by Kitchens, seconded by Walley-Jean, approved by committee.

Dr. Bryan LaBrecque, College of Arts and Sciences (Full): motion to approve by Copeland, seconded by Kitchens, approved by committee.

Dr. Elizabeth Taylor, College of Arts and Sciences (Affiliate): motion to approve by Copeland, seconded by Kitchens, approved by committee.

Dr. Lisa Holland-Davis discussed the proposed change from political science to public administration for MALS and adding a public administration concentration to MS Criminal Justice. Political Science is not as popular field as public administration, and the change would require only a few modifications to the current curriculum. A motion to approve both proposals made by Copeland, seconded by Kitchens, and approved by all.

Dr. Chaogui Zhang presented the mathematics course proposals, which consisted of modifications of existing graduate courses. A motion to approve made by McIlwain, seconded by Kitchens, and approved by all.

Dr. Louis Jourdan discussed the need to examine the language score requirement for international students. The College of Business felt the IELTS score requirement should be 6.5 or 7 and that MBA students should take MGMT 3120 rather than CSU 5000. The language deficiencies were potentially leading to cheating and plagiarism, and English-speaking students were upset being on teams with students who had language deficiencies. Vaughan suggested the new College of Business Dean, Dr. Jacob Chacko and Dr. Judith Ogden attend an Academic Affairs Meeting to discuss this concern.

Dr. Vaughan indicated “U” grades going forward will not count as an “F” for students enrolled since spring 2017. The written policy will be presented at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor