

Graduate Council Minutes - 4/12/02

Present: P. Atkins, A. Balant, L. Bell, P. Freeman, M. Guiry, M. Lodge, and J. McLaurin

Guests: V. Shock, The Graduate School, R. Bodenschatz

Presiding: Phyllis Freeman, Dean of the Graduate School

The meeting was called to order in HAB 802 at 2:10 p.m.

1. The minutes of the meeting of March 15, 2002 were approved unanimously.
2. Announcements
 - Introduced Vika Shock, the new Assistant to the Dean of the Graduate School.
 - Annual meeting of the Graduate faculty will be held Thursday, May 9 at 1:00 p.m. in CSB 110.
 - Two issues regarding the Special Education proposed program are currently being dealt with, i.e., a modification to the proposal and addressing a technical omission. The proposal may return to Council.
 - No word on registration of the 48-hour Psychology Counseling program. The proposal is still in State Education's hands.
 - P. Atkins noted that The Counseling Center had its 5-year reaccreditation site visit on April 8.
 - Paid application fees for graduate students are 85 students ahead of last year.
 - Due to the current budget situation, P. Freeman encouraged graduate departments to accept additional applicants, if there is space available, even if the application deadline has passed.
 - Old Business
 - a. The subcommittee reviewed three new course proposals, i.e., 37788, 37789, and 36540, and had only positive feedback on the courses.
 - i. M. Lodge wanted to know the difference between courses 37771 and 37788. The ensuing discussion resulted in Council recommending that course 37788 be given a new course number to reflect that it is a beginning course in CAS.
 - ii. A. Balant was concerned about the weight allocated to participation (50%) in determining the final course grade in course 37788. The ensuing discussion revealed that an extra writing assignment seems to be missing from criteria for evaluating students' class performance.
 - iii. As a result of the preceding issues, course 37788 was tabled so that a new number could be assigned to it and to look into the

weight given to class participation as well as how the extra writing assignment will be factored into a student's final grade.

- b. Move to approve course 37789: The Superintendency was approved unanimously.
 - c. Move to approve course 36540: Graduate Foundation of Secondary Education Seminar was approved unanimously.
 - d. Report by the By-Laws Subcommittee as well as the Assessment update was put on hold.
 - e. The following motion regarding GOPW credit load was approved unanimously. Beginning in Fall 2002, Graduate Opportunity Waiver students may register for fewer than 12 credits (but not fewer than 9 credits) and still be eligible for a GOPW tuition scholarship proportional to their credit load. Students registering for fewer than 12 credits no longer are considered full time students, and will not be eligible for financial aid or loans that require full time status. Although not part of the motion, it was also noted that all GOPW students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0. In addition, students in the Sojourner Truth Fellowship Program must register for 12 credits and maintain a GPA of at least 3.0.
- New Business
 - a. Presently, The Graduate School does not have a policy on on-line graduate courses. A number of on-line courses have been proposed for Summer and Fall 2002. Currently, these courses are not listed as being offered. Hence, the issue was raised whether or not extra approval of on-line courses should be required. It was agreed that Council should look at on-line courses.
 - i. After discussion, the following motion was approved by a vote of seven in favor and one opposed. The four pending on-line courses may go forward in Summer and Fall 2002, but then will be reviewed by Graduate Council, after a policy is developed.
 - ii. In the Fall, the Curriculum Committee of Council will be asked to develop a policy for on-line graduate courses.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Guiry, Secretary