

Graduate Council Minutes - 4/20/01

Present: P. Atkins, A. Balant, D. Freedman, M. Guiry, M. Lodge, J. McLaurin, E. Richards

Guest: H. Winters, C&P Education

Presiding: Phyllis Freeman, Dean of the Graduate School

The meeting was called to order in HAB 802 at 11:00 a.m.

1. The minutes of the meeting of March 30, 2001 were approved unanimously.
2. Announcements
 - Helise Winters raised the issue of whether or not the process for approving online graduate courses should be addressed by Graduate Council. The discussion that followed addressed the jurisdiction of Graduate online courses, the role of the Curriculum Committee, whether or not an online course is a new course or a continuation of an existing course, and compensation for online course development.
 - The sentiment of the discussion was that an extended discussion of this issue would be fruitful. But first, it will need to be determined whether or not the new Graduate Council, convening in Fall 2001, will be willing to agree to an agenda item about distance learning in Fall 2001.
 - On April 13, the Provost sent a letter to the Chair of the Art Department indicating that the MAAS and MFA Sculpture programs were reinstated in Spring 2001. The programs will be reviewed again in Spring 2003 to see if enrollment targets are being met. The programs were suspended two years ago due to low enrollment.
 - The deadline for Fall 2001 admission is July 1, 2001.
3. Old Business
 - a. E. Richards reported that according to Carl Bacon some structure is in place to look at outcomes assessment.
4. New Business
 - . E. Richards reported that two nominations had been received for President and Secretary of Graduate Council. She indicated that nominations should be submitted in writing. She also reported that two vacancies existed for terms expiring in 2002.
 - a. Council members discussed when to meet during Fall 2001.
 - b. The Council voted unanimously to approve the following motion. When the call for Graduate Council nominations is distributed it will indicate that the traditional meeting time for Graduate Council is Friday at 2:00 p.m.
 - c. D. Freedman raised the issue that the Graduate Council should look at Graduate programs that exist to determine which will be successful.

- d. Council members agreed that the first item for Fall 2001 would be a discussion of the Graduate program in Chemistry. It was suggested that John Harrington should be invited to the meeting.
- e. P. Freeman will notify members about holding a meeting on April 27, 2001.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Guiry