

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 30, 2012

The Graduate Council met at 12:30pm in 129 Himes Hall with the following members present: Byerly (ex officio), Day, Dow, Euba, Gaunt, Hirschheim, Holton, Kelso, Lemieux, Liu, Matthews, McKillop, Meng, and Nardo. Absent members were Culross and Spivey.

Minutes of April 2, 2012

Minutes were approved for the April 2, 2012 meeting. Kelso moved for approval, Holton seconded, and the motion was carried.

Dean's Report

The Graduate School will meet with the SACS university committee tomorrow. The academic deans will need to clarify information on departmental websites and the Graduate Bulletin. Each department needs to articulate its entrance requirements, graduation requirements, and the length of the program. The department and college webpages are not consistent with what the Graduate School includes in the Graduate Bulletin. Byerly will ask Academic Affairs to request academic deans to make the necessary revisions on webpages for consistency.

Departments are revising sections of the Graduate Bulletin. At this time there is no definition of a master's degree in the main section of the Graduate Bulletin. There is a greater spectrum for master degrees than doctoral programs.

The Faculty Senate and SACS accreditation committee has suggested an appropriate university policy for the Graduate Council to have the minutes available for public records. The faculty has full participation in policy making per SACS requirements. The older records will be redacted for confidential information. In future meetings, an Executive Session will be called for parts of the meeting that involve specific individuals or appointments of faculty. The Graduate Council needs to discuss this more thoroughly.

Two documents were sent to the Graduate Council last week for review. One was the report of the Council of Graduate Schools. The report suggested that graduate students need additional information on career planning. Byerly will meet with Mary Feduccia in Career Services to see what her office can do to assist graduate students.

Chairs Report

Day sent an email requesting volunteers to serve on the SACS subcommittees. Graduate Council members will meet with SACS representatives when they visit LSU. The SACS principles will be reviewed and Day will ask for assistance. Day will ask council members to assist with the reports.

Routine Business

Standing Committee Reports

Promotion and Tenure Committee:

Byerly, Lemieux, and Katrice Albert will discuss the best way to advertise the Huel Perkins Award.

Nardo moved for approval of the committee's recommendations, Hirschheim seconded, 11 council members approved, 1 opposed, and the motion was passed.

Subcommittee Reports

Multidisciplinary Programs and Minors Committee: Holton stated this has been an issue for several years. The multidisciplinary degrees and minors lack a home department for the programs; therefore, needing more structure to exist across the university. Unlike the undergraduate programs, the Graduate Bulletin lacks a definition for these programs and minors. Undergraduate minors go through the course and curricula committee to have the minor officially recognized by the Registrar's Office. The Graduate Bulletin should include how many hours constitute a graduate minor.

The purpose of the committee v.

The council suggested sending the committee's report to the Director of Graduate Studies in each program to verify for accuracy. It was noted that students who do not excel in the doctoral program will become master's students. Accreditation bodies of different departments have certain requirements for students to earn a degree in that particular department. The council suggested a template to be sent to the departments to revise each section of the Graduate Bulletin.

New Business

The meeting was adjourned.

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