

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
November 13, 2012

The Graduate Council met in the Board Room (1000 University Office) on November 13, 2012. Absent members were:

Minutes of October 17, 2012

Minutes of the October 17, 2012 meeting were reviewed. If a motion is moved for approval, it is seconded, and the motion was carried. Graduate Council minutes are posted on the School website. An Executive Session will be called for personnel matters. Recruitment information will be selected from the Graduate Council website. Additional documents will now be posted.

Dean's Report

A Public Administration master's student took more classes as a non-matriculating student than allowed by Graduate Council policy. The student had an LMS degree and the computer system allowed her to exceed the limit. The system does not catch those with an earlier degree. The student has now been admitted into the matriculating student. Byerly requested the Graduate Council to approve this one-time exception to allow the student to count these hours towards her seconded motion. The Graduate Council did not have a consistent policy for non-matriculating students. No limit on the number of hours earned while classified as a non-matriculating student.

A few departments have requested to make minor changes to the Graduate Bulletin which will be inserted into the General Catalog. The changes are being cataloged.

Human Resources Education and workforce development requests to waive the GRE/GMAT for students following certain criteria for the concentration in HRLD. Holton mentioned the internal studies show almost no success in GRE/GMAT. The student body is 70% part-time students and 30% full-time students. Typically adult students do well on or take standardized tests. A more holistic admissions process is necessary. This would assist in the online program is recruiting working students. The GRE is more of a barrier to recruiting online students.

If the student meets the following criteria, the GRE would not be required:

1. A minimum 3.0 GPA
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3. Three letters of acceptable recommendations.
4. Three years of demonstrated successful professional work experience.
5. Successful completion of a criterion-based essay as specified by the faculty.

The essay would address any criteria necessary for the department. Hirschbalm suggested that the students take the assessment tool in the program. He suggested that the departments to determine if they want to use it or not.

Reeve was asked if the GRE scores were needed to collect data for doctoral programs. He indicated that the decent their programs. What measurement is by asking be taken in the December meeting to the GRE requirement for

strategic management. the materials for the December meeting.

Chairs Report

Day reported the Graduate Faculty meeting went well this week. The faculty was promised a full graduate faculty vote would happen at the spring meeting. voting

1. Measure the impact of appointments from a faculty with 1000
2. Examine the Faculty Senate resolution for part of the Graduate Council membership to be an elected body.
3. GRE and any additional changes in university wide requirements for admission to the Graduate School however no score is required. Some departments do departments request the GRE requirement to be waived. This is on a case by

Old Business

New Business

Geography and Anthropology Degree Change: Patrick Hesp and Kim Robbins were present to discuss their departments' request for a change in the name of the Anthropology and Geography Department. Anthropology is an interdisciplinary discipline within the department. Hesp noted that 21 students have declared the Geo-anthropology Concentration in the PhD program in Geography out of a total of 60 doctoral Anthropology, including 6 subareas of Geography and Anthropology. 3 MA Geography and 17 MS Geography graduate students currently enrolled in the department. The anthropology department

Reeve believes the process for the change would be handled from the Office of Academic Affairs to the

Robins indicated that the faculty is in favor of the change and believed there is a need for a degree program in Anthropology. The fear was if the degree would be degraded; however, the faculty vote was 20 in favor and 4 against.

Liu commented that the joined department would have distinct differences. The degree should remain as a joint degree program. He recommended a subcommittee review the name of the degree. Liu mentioned that the overlapping of both areas may dilute the strength of the program.

Nardo mentioned during the Program Review in 2006, there was a suggestion to combine the degree for Louisiana. At that time, the faculty denied the request for Anthropology to have its own degree program and demand for the degree. He noted that the faculty of Anthropology and Geography are separate entities. He mentioned that all areas of anthropology are covered with a degree or a minor. He mentioned that the faculty cross-teach courses in the department in the United States.

McKillop included that the change would benefit the students fundamentally. LSU is well known about the opportunities offered and is a common requirement due to different preferences and programs. The interdisciplinary program exists within the existing degree program. He mentioned that to be included in this new degree.

McKillop motioned for approval and Kieso seconded. The attending Graduate Council voted; 7 were in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstained.

Masters in Natural Science (addition to agenda). Catherine Perreya was present for the proposal for degree changes in the Masters of Natural Science degree. The proposal requests changes to the existing description in the Graduate Bulletin. The changes would replicate the existing description in the Graduate Bulletin. The primary focus area is changing from 15 to 18 and the secondary focus area is changing from 9 to 12. The reduction in hours of electives will be from 12 to 6. The implementation of a plan of study describing what students should take by approval and the council. He mentioned that the council will be responsible for a vote.

Executive Session

Standing Committee Reports

Promotion and Tenure Committee

