

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
February 18, 2013

The Graduate Council met at 11:30am in 129 Himes Hall with the following members present: Byerly (ex officio), Culross, Day, Dow, Chance, Eades, Euba, Kelso, Lemieux, Matthews, McKillop, Nardo, Rose, Spivey, and Zucker. Absent members were Meng and Reeve (ex officio).

Minutes of December 12, 2012

Minutes were approved for the December 12, 2012 meeting. Day moved for approval, Euba seconded, and the motion was carried.

Dean's Report

Council Members: Byerly recognized Kam-Biu Liu for his service on the Graduate Council from 2007-2012. He introduced new council members: Mark Zucker, Professor in Art History, representative for the College of Art and Design while Thomas Neff is on sabbatical; Susan Eades, Professor in Veterinary Clinical Sciences, representative for the School of Veterinary Medicine; Kenneth Rose, Professor in Oceanography and Coastal Studies, representative for the School of the Coast and Environment; and Don Change, Professor in Finance, representative for the College of Business.

Certificate Programs: The certificate programs are in the departments for revisions. The Graduate School is waiting on departments to submit the proposals. The Strategic Communication Certificate is ready for the Graduate Council to vote on. Once approved, the proposal will be sent to Academic Affairs and the Board for approval. The Material Sciences Certificate should be ready for the Graduate Council to review soon. The faculty for the 10 participating departments will need to vote on the proposal.

Funding: The University needs to find ways to get funding to support doctoral students.

Doctoral Degrees: Departments have inconsistencies with having no minimum coursework hours for the PhD requirements. The Graduate School has stated in the Graduate Bulletin that a PhD is equal to 3 full years of coursework and maintaining full time status. The change needs to be 54 hours instead of 3 years of coursework. Master's degree students may have hours to count in PhD. The change in hours is post baccalaureate and 1/3 of the hours must be earned at LSU.

McKillop moved to approve, Nardo seconded, and the motion was passed.

New Business

Executive Session

Standing Committee Reports

Promotion and Tenure Committee: No report.

Graduate Faculty: No report.

Awards Committee: No report.

