

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

September 24, 2014

The Graduate Council met at 12:30 pm in 128 West Wynton Hall. Members present: Byerly, Jay, Hoffman, Charles, Hay, Foster, Ellis, Nardo, Kates, Morde, Moccia, Nardo, Ortner, and Reeve. Jay Hoffman was absent.

Minutes of May 1, 2014

The minutes from May 1, 2014 were approved with revisions on motion by Matthews and second by Nardo.

Dean's Report

Byerly introduced Kristin Gansle from Education as the new representative for Human Sciences and Education. He also introduced H. Naci Mocan from Economics as the new Business representative.

Notes from the Dean for September 24, 2014 Graduate Council

1. We are beginning to implement the revisions to Graduate Council minutes that were written by Anna Nardo's committee, approved by Council, and approved by Provost Bell last spring. The Colleges of Business, Education, Health Sciences, Humanities & Social Sciences, Science, and Engineering will have two members by next spring. All other colleges with graduate programs will be represented by a single member.
2. A Graduate student committee was formed to work on a plan to report Academic Affairs by the end of semester. Haynie (Dean, HSE), Moccia (Director of HSE), Smith (Director of HSE and interim Director of US), and Dennis (Director of Institutional Research) will be the core items are a) a departmental survey on the graduate students as their perceived limitations on growth, b) the current data on graduate enrollment trends; and c) a study on the current procedures that might quickly increase enrollments (for example, allowing applicants to be considered by multiple degree and/or certificate programs).
3. For the next Graduate Council meeting we will do business in the following ways: a) departmental committees must submit proposals to have acceptable proposals submitted; b) departments will be allowed to provisionally admit students into certificate from the Graduate School; c) the new application and admission system (RADIUS) will permit multiple departments to consider individual students in graduate programs at USG.
4. Graduate Certificates are moving along pretty well. We expect to have certificates for Fall 2014 in the following areas: a) Business Administration; b) Strategic Communication; c) CIS & Special Data Management.

- SVM Name Change

The School of Veterinary Medicine requested that the name of the School of Veterinary Medicine be changed to the School of Veterinary Medical Sciences. Kelso motioned for approval. Nardo seconded and the motion was approved. The request will be submitted to the Board of Regents for final approval.

- Art History Changes

The Art History program requested that the minimum number of credit hours required to earn the degree be changed from 18 to 19. The 19th-century art, 19th-21st century art, and non-western art be changed to nine hours. The number of hours to earn the degree remain the same. Day motioned for approval. Kelso seconded, and the motion was carried.

- Communication Studies Changes

Communication Studies requested that students entering the doctoral program with a master's degree be awarded the master's hour requirement of 11 exam. Kelso motioned for approval. Nardo seconded and the motion was carried.

- Graduate School Policy on Minimums

The policy on minimums ending to plus and minus grades. If approved, the policy will go into effect. The start date is likely to be the fall of 2015. The current minimum GPA is 3.00. The minimum GPA will be 3.00. Graduate School requests the Graduate Council to approve policies on how plus and minus will effect graduate students.

The Graduate School proposes the following policy changes to be effective starting the 2015-2016 grades:

- 1) For purposes of probation, continuation, and suspension, a minimum GPA will be used with a minimum of 3.00.
- 2) For purposes of transfer of credit, a B+ is possible with a minimum GPA of 3.00 above a 3.00.
- 3) For use towards graduation, there is no minimum GPA for a B+ or C+ course completed with a B-, though, a 3.00 GPA is required for graduation. There is no change to the minimum GPA for a B+ or C+ course completed with a C (+/-).

Nardo motioned to approve The Graduate School's policy changes. Kelso seconded and the motion was carried.

Executive Summary

Standing

Promotion and Tenure

Graduate Faculty

The Graduate Faculty (the Graduate Faculty) approved and 4 voted to discuss) via presented by the Provost under current nominees have high academic qualifications were full members of the graduate accredits the LSU be part of the main university criteria to be full member of the Provost since the subject full member of the

Awards Committee

The meeting adjourned at 1:55

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