

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

May 6, 2015

The Graduate Council met at 12:30pm in 129 Himes with the following members present: [unclear] (ex officio), Chance, Day, de Queiroz, Eades, Euba, Gansle, Kelsa, Lindsay, Marks, Matthews, McKillen, Nardo, Reays (ex officio), and Taylor. Absent members: [unclear] and [unclear].

Minutes of April 1, 2015

The minutes from April 1, 2015 were motioned for approval by voice vote. There was one abstention, and the motion was carried.

Dean's Report

I would like to thank all of you for the support and assistance that you have provided for me, for the entire 5.5 years of my presidency. It has been a pleasure to work with those with alternative views. There were even a few moments of humor, or at least a quick smile, and perhaps Heather will bring a few more "maple leaves" to share at our final meeting.

Graduate Council Members: Thank you for your service on the council. [unclear] and Carol Taylor. Marks served from 2014-2015 and is leaving the university to go to [unclear] served as the chair of the Graduate Council from 2014-2015. [unclear] is retiring from the university. Taylor served for one semester and promised to return to the Chemistry Department.

Board of Supervisors: The five most recent certificate proposals will be on the May 8 agenda: Strategic Communication, Records and Information Management, [unclear], Depositional Geosystems, Climate Science, and Analytics.

Board of Regents: We hope to have all Council approved certificates to the Regents for one of the two remaining meetings prior to the start of the 2015-16 academic year.

Graduate Study: [unclear] at the moment. Apparently ISI was not in compliance with [unclear] penalty. The university lawyers are involved to see [unclear] years' violations and to view the contracts pending for incoming students. An email was sent to departments to prevent future [unclear] to have information from [unclear] Finance are trying to come up with a solution.

Budget Reductions: [unclear] previously [unclear].

School staff: [unclear] for contingencies. Two changes that are very likely [unclear] will only be a basic examination of title, page and table of contents, and [unclear] will no longer offer editorial help to graduate students. The [unclear] sophisticated marketing and [unclear] will likely fall onto departments [unclear].

departmental Examination of student records will be conducted by the Graduate Council based on departmental recommendations.

I am happily retiring from LSU. But as I have had some time to think about my future, I plan to stay a change in teaching course material retirement. I will continue to advise a class occasionally.

Academic Affairs Report

Reeve thanked Dean Byerly and Assistant Dean Marie Hamilton for their service to the School as they both retire.

LAW Center: On April 1, the LAW Center merged with the Center for Legal Studies. There has been a lot of work having a representative from the LAW Center on the Graduate Council. The University is reviewing issues like promotion and tenure, etc. in order to incorporate the LAW Center. The Graduate Council submit a resolution to the Provost requesting the council.

Chairs Report

Reeve: McKillop thanked Reeve for his insight from the past few years and for coming to the meetings. The person replacing Reeve will fill in for the next 2-3 months as he/she takes on his new role as Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Academic Planning.

Byerly: McKillop thanked Byerly on behalf of the Graduate Council for all the hard work and time for the Graduate School and the Graduate Council.

Marie Hamilton: McKillop also thanked Marie on behalf of the Graduate Council for her service.

Graduation: Graduate Council representatives will attend the college ceremonies for spring graduation.

Graduate School Dean Search: Graduate Council members are meeting with the Graduate School Dean candidates on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Graduate Council Chair Search: The Graduate Council is currently searching for a new chair. A candidate was nominated to be the 2015-2016 Graduate Council Chair. McKillop motioned for approval, Needs seconded, and the motion was carried. James, a representative for the Graduate Council, was nominated to be the 2015-2016 Graduate Council Chair. McKillop motioned for approval, Needs seconded, and the motion was carried.

Old Business

Philosophy Concentration: The council requested a new philosophy concentration and the new concentration. The council also requested a new philosophy concentration.

supports this concentration and there is a need for this concentration for students. Gansle motioned for approval and the documentation is received by the Graduate School, Day seconded, and the motion was passed.

New Business

Psychology Name Change: The Psychology Department has received approval for a name change from Cognitive and Behavioral Psychology to Cognitive and Behavioral Sciences program. This is a specialization track within the department and not an official concentration. The new name would better reflect the program and help students in finding better jobs. The department has hired two new faculty members for this program. The department created an EEG Neuroscience laboratory for students. Day motioned for approval, Day seconded, and the motion was passed.

SPSS Curriculum Changes: The School of Plant, Environmental and Soil Sciences has received approval for curriculum changes for the masters and doctoral degrees. The request would give the students and committees more flexibility. The changes will not affect the number of students. Day motioned for approval, Day seconded, and the motion was passed.

Agriculture Education: Graduate and Extension Education is a new department. Currently, only an undergraduate degree is established at the moment. The department has received inquiries regarding a master's degree program in this area. The core block is 18 hours with a capstone four to five hours. The list of first and second degree courses will be sent for a list of required core courses. Day motioned for approval, Gansle seconded, and the motion was passed.

Music Posthumous: A student submitted a request to award a posthumous degree for a student who died in March. Day motioned for approval, Gansle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Standing Committee Reports:

Promotion and Tenure: No report.

Graduate Faculty: No report.

Awards Committee: No report.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.

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