

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 5, 2015

The Graduate Council met at 7:00pm in 179 Himee with the following members present: Ray, de Quenoz, Gansie, Keiso, Lee (ex-officio), Lindau, Marchand, Massé (ex-officio), Midam, Ormer, Page, and Pojman. Absent members were Crane, Fadoes, Fildes, Matthews, Mickinip, and Sivey.

Minutes of September 25, 2015

The minutes from September 25, 2015 were motioned for approval by Ray, seconded by Keiso, and the motion was carried.

Dean's Report

- **Dean's Representatives:** Being a dean's representative is a basic responsibility for graduate faculty. A dean's representative serves from the time of the student's general exam through the dissertation defense. The dean's representative represents the Graduate School Dean and verifies that the exam represents the university and integrity of the university process. Dean's representatives should assure there is no conflict of interest between the representative and the student's exam. The dean's representative should be required to know the student's general exam topic. Currently over 70 dean's representatives are needed in the next eight weeks. Typically, between eight and ten faculty members are asked to serve each exam. In emergency situations where a dean's representative was not found, the general exam may be allowed to proceed without a dean's representative. It is unfair to penalize the student if a dean's representative is not assigned to the general exam. Recently the Graduate Council discussed assigning a dean's representative at the beginning of a student's enrollment which led to the faculty not happy with this process. The dean's representative service requires a two-hour time commitment. In the General Catalog, the wording is confusing as to what point the dean's representative will be assigned. In one section it states before exam and the other section states at the time of the general exam. The Dean's Association will be sent the General Catalog and asked to clarify the date by which the dean's representative should be assigned. The Graduate Council determined that the department chair and dean should be copied on the requests and replies to faculty members asking the faculty member to serve as a dean's representative. The Graduate Council will discuss at a future meeting the role and responsibilities of a dean's representative.
- **Radius:** Radius is up running with applications available through the summer. Faculty are asked to contact Massé if any troubles arise.
- **Restructuring:** Human Resources is meeting with the Graduate School Staff. The Assistant Dean advertisement is posted. The Assistant Dean advertisement for a full-time position will be posted soon.

Academic Affairs Report

- **Shorelight:** LSU Global partnered with Shorelight Education to recruit students with diverse interests, diverse cultures, and students from underrepresented countries. These students will be admitted as undergraduate students on an accelerated master's program. This partnership will assist with increasing graduate enrollment and diversify the student body. This will provide exposure to international cultures. The students will be in non-thesis programs and will pay an

tuition. Students who pass the exam will be admitted to the university. In the fall, 3000 were admitted. Another 1000 were admitted in the spring semester.

Chairs Report

- Economic Development Assistance - 13th noon deadline
- Dissertation - 13th noon deadline

Old Business

- Plant, Environmental, and Soil Sciences - 13th noon deadline. The number of required hours of thesis be allowed to count towards the 15-hour requirement. The Graduate Council discussed that this is a current requirement. The Graduate Council reviewed at a meeting on 13th noon deadline. The Graduate Council discussed that this is a current requirement. The Graduate Council reviewed at a meeting on 13th noon deadline.
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New Business

Executive Session

Standing Committee Reports

Promotion and Tenure

Graduate Faculty Membership

Awards Committee

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm.

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