

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 16, 2015

The Graduate Council met at 12:30 p.m. in the
Broussard, Chance, Day, de Queiroz, Edger, Feltner, G...
Lindau, Lock...
were Marchand, Mocan, Pezman, and Spring...

Minutes of November 9, 2015

The minutes from November 9, 2015...
seconded by Lindau, motion was passed.

Dean's Proposals

- Seven-Year Time Limit Extension. Minutes presented the Graduate Council with a proposed...
guidelines for students... following a seven-year...
1. The student must have completed the graduate program...
2. The petition must be written by the student's major professor...
the beginning of the semester immediately preceding the 7-year deadline for...
the degree...
3. The petition must address the...
completing... within a seven-year...
circumstances...
4. The petition should elaborate upon the student's...
progress to...
5. The petition must include a...
the disc...
One academic year...
6. The petition must be...
student's...
approve via email the petition...
7. The student's...
delegate, such as the Director of Graduate Studies...
Studies, who will attach a letter...
student's standing...
8. The Chair...
the appropriate...
statement, and send it to the Dean of the Graduate School for the final...

Matthews motioned to approve. Enhancements and that information was discussed.

Academic Affairs Report

- Matt Loo on behalf of Academic Affairs did not have anything to report.

Chairs Report

- Gansle requested everyone to introduce themselves since there were new council members and visitors at the meeting.

Old Business

- Social Work dual degree with LSU Health Sciences Center: Catherine Lemieux from Social Work discussed the proposal. The dual degree is popular around the country and other schools have a similar model. The LSU Health Sciences Center is interested in participating in the dual degree program. The faculty in the Social Work department would have approved the joint dual degree changes and required in either program; however, the program will need a decision from Chance moved to approve, and seconded, and the motion was carried.
- PhD Committee Requirements: The Language committee members discussed the department's recommendations on changing the doctoral committee requirements from two to one full graduate faculty member to one full graduate faculty member. The committee members discussed the requirements and the faculty wanted to keep the current policy and junior faculty wanted to allow the changes to their policy. Chance noted that the program requires no more than two full graduate faculty members and Anthropology's faculty was split on their changes. She indicated that the committee members from the committee actually benefit the student. Page asked if a department is having problems with staffing the doctoral committees is it possible that the department is admitting too many students and does not have the capacity to handle them? Page of Graduate Studies indicated that the requirements. Matthews noted that Science did not have strong feelings on this. The Science Associate Chair of Graduate Programs is aware of the possible changes and was mentioned to keep the current policy. Day's only concern is that too many committees are being assigned to serve on while working to get tenure. Eades commented that he would like to have more committee members on doctoral committees. Chance responded to the committee members' motion. One council member abstained, and the motion was carried.
- Certificate in Early Childhood: The Certificate in Early Childhood was discussed at the March 2nd Graduate Council meeting with the understanding that the Graduate Council would vote at the March 16th meeting. Day motioned to approve. The motion was seconded and the motion was carried.

- Certificate in Instructional Coach: The Certificate in Instructional Coaching was discussed at the March 2nd Graduate Council meeting with the understanding that the Graduate Council would vote at the March 16th meeting. Anthea proposed to approve, Euba seconded, and the motion was passed.
- Certificate in University and College Teaching: The Certificate in University and College Teaching was discussed at the March 2nd Graduate Council meeting with the understanding that the Graduate Council would vote at the March 16th meeting. The certificate is aimed at the university's doctoral students. Finance's concern is the amount of time students have in the summer to earn the certificate. McKillop agreed that many students use the summer for research and fieldwork. Euba suggested that the department try to have a cohort of students in the summer to see how many students enroll in the course. This motion was approved and Euba seconded. Four council members approved the certificate and several opposed it. Using the Certificate in University and College Teaching was not being approved.
- Certificate in Urban and Community Education: The Certificate in Urban and Community Education was discussed at the March 2nd Graduate Council meeting with the understanding that the Graduate Council would vote at the March 16th meeting. Anthea proposed to approve, Chance seconded, and the motion was passed.

New Business

- Law Center and Social Work (Concurrent Degree); Wesley Church, Social Work Director, and William Corbett, Law Center Dean, were present to discuss the concurrent degree. There is interest from both programs to create the concurrent program. The program is very successful throughout the country. Students would earn a MSW and a Law degree over the program. Day moved to approve, Euba seconded, and the motion was passed.
- MSW GRE-waiver: Wesley Church discussed the proposal to waive the GRE for the MSW. The School Joked at the current students. The GRE is not a good predictor of success, however, the GRE is a better predictor of success in the program. Removal of the GRE will help the program compete with peers. Peer universities using the GRE only view the verbal scores. The School assumes that students may not apply to USC if not the GRE is required. If peer universities do not require the GRE, the program's enrollment will increase. This motion will increase applications providing the department will accept a portion of applications to view. Euba mentioned that the department will have a large number of applications for the program. She noted that the GRE is not currently being used to admit students and the graduate school does not require a minimum score. The GRE will continue to be used for the program. Lockridge motioned to approve, Euba seconded with ten council members approving and one council member opposed. The motion was passed.
- MLA removal of final exam; Mark Boyer from Louisiana, and Euba were present to discuss the removal of the final exam. He arrived last July and realized that the final exam was not needed. The program is a first degree professional program which requires students based work through the final project. The student's final project is presented in front of the faculty and an outside panel. Peers in North America, Australia, and New Zealand do not have a final exam. Those students completing a thesis will have a written research document and a defense of the document.

as the first of its kind in the province. The program will require students to complete the degree. Most students have the prerequisite courses and have taken a few courses. The Council will vote once the additional information is received.

- **Medical Physics Certificate**
The Medical Physics Certificate is designed for students with a minimum of two years of post-secondary education who want to be medical physicists. The certificate requires a minimum of 12 credits and six core courses. The certificate is a residency program approved by the (Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Education Programs). The certificate program will be offered at the graduate level. The department has information on the program and a tentative curriculum. For routine inquiries at the department, contact the program coordinator. This certificate is a two-year program.

Executive Session

Standing Committee Reports

Promotion and Tenure Committee: NE 43205

Graduate Faculty: NE 43205

Awards Committee: NE 43205

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Recorded by:



Chantelle Soliman, Assistant to the Dean

Approved by:

