

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
September 20, 2016

The Graduate Council met on 10/20/2016 in 1231 James Hall. The following members were present: Adams, Broussard, Cal, De Lencastre, Edes, Page, Perry, and Pyman. Absent members were Brown, Copple, Lee, McCoy, and Stovall.

Minutes of May 11, 2016

The minutes from the May 11, 2016 meeting were accepted by unanimous vote.

Dean's Report

Budget: A 5% mid-year budget cut is expected. The university has known since July and have been planning accordingly.

Graduate Assistant Student

issued by the Provost and President. The Graduate School Dean is currently reviewing the assistant student.

Shirley Perkins Awards

The Shirley Perkins Awards had a total of 10 nominees. The awards were coordinated by the Graduate School Dean.

3MT: The three-minute thesis competition

will be held this semester. The student has three minutes to discuss his/her research with one minute for a question and answer period. On November 24, there will be heats to determine the top eight to ten finalists. The winners will be determined by judges. The winner will go to the nationals.

Recruiting

non-traditional community students and that there will be help for those students.

Academic Affairs Report

No report.

Chairs Report

New Graduate Council Members

from the new college. The new council members are: Phil Adams from Business serving for Science, Steve Cal from Civil Engineering serving for Engineering, Edes from Humanities and Social Sciences serving for Humanities and Social Sciences, and Max Broussard representing Agriculture. Max Broussard representing Agriculture and Dramatic Arts are official members now. Broussard and Perry sat in on the last meeting last semester along with the members from their colleges that were leaving the council.

Edes reminded the Graduate Council that they are advisory to the President.

Moodle: The agenda, minutes, and page a week prior to each meeting.

Award Assistantship Proposals. The Dissertation Year Fellowship will be awarded for two semesters. The EDAs will be granted for the fall 2017 semester. Typically, the committee will review 80 applications for each award. There will be a few weeks for the committee to review the nominations and proposals.

Committee Make-Up: The committee make-up could consist of people outside of the council to review since a short time frame; if so, who will determine who to ask to review? The recipient will have been asked to serve on the committee. It may be made to ask previous Graduate Council members to review the nominations. A two-member review team from each college should submit two from the college to the Graduate Council, not having to use external reviewers. The committee will review the nominations to the Graduate Council. There will be a rubric to use as to why the college is making the recommendations. Jane noted that it may be too late to ask the colleges to submit two due to the time limit. Cal suggested that it may be a conflict of interest for the college to submit two nominations instead of one. The committee should be made up of people from all colleges. The sub-committees will need in developing the criteria. The criteria will be used to determine those not receiving the award. A report will be submitted to the EDA chair.

Economic Development Assistantship Committee: de Queiroz (co-chair), Marchant (co-chair), Adams, Gansle, Kelso, Lockridge, Moran, and Orner.

Dissertation Year Fellowship Committee: Fades (co-chair), Pfliman (co-chair), Brousseau, Cal, Chance, Frick, Fudge, and Wynn.

Perry moved the discussion to the meeting of the two committees. The colleges with two council members will be required to have one member on each committee. The chairs of the subcommittee will use consensus principles to determine the criteria for this year.

Information: The committee will be using for nomination. The committee will also use consensus.

Meeting with the Provost: The Provost's meeting with the Council for the Graduate School. Council members should bring issues for guidance from the Provost. Some examples include: reduction in graduate faculty, graduate student, and the reduction in graduate faculty. The Graduate Council will be meeting with the Provost.

the Provost. Eades mentioned faculty funding grants are harder in graduate assistants. It was noted that it is difficult to pay on low grants and contracts. Perry mentioned departments in smaller programs. Departments are being in favor of hiring. Next council meeting will discuss the following:

Old Business

Skype representative from the university is to be discussed. She will compile the list of suggestions and discuss at the October meeting.

Failed general and final discussion at the next council meeting. Discuss at the October meeting.

New Business

Executive Session

Standing Committee

Promotion and Tenure Committee

Graduate Faculty: The graduate faculty nominations submitted to the Graduate Court were voted by email ballot on June 8th. There were nine professional affiliate nominations approved with twelve members approving the subcommittee recommendations.

Awards Committee: No report.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04am.

Recorded by:

Chantelle Collier

Chantelle Collier, Assistant to the Dean

Approved by:

Michelle Mossy
11/3/16

Michelle Mossy, Dean of Graduate School