

Graduate Council Minutes- April 25, 2002

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MINUTES

April 25, 2002

Members Present

Robert Auge, Jon Coddington, Sid Collins, Kathleen Davis, Wayne Davis, Charles Feigerle, Paul Frymier, Nan Gaylord, Thomas George, Charles Hamilton, Majid Keyhani, Mike Lofaro, Vena Long, Anne Mayhew, Sam Morton, Naima Moussa, Dan Smithwick, Fred Tompkins, Richard Townsend, Sara Williams (for Barbara Dewey).

The Graduate Council was called to order at 3:02 PM, in the Board Room, 8th Floor Andy Holt Tower, by Dean Anne Mayhew.

1. Minutes of the Preceding Meeting

The minutes of the March 7, 2002 meeting were approved as distributed.

2. Committee Reports

· Academic Policy

As the committee did not meet, there was no report.

· Appeals

Dr. Kay Reed presented a draft copy ([Appendix A](#)) of By-Laws and Operating Procedures on behalf of the Appeals Committee. This document was approved as presented.

Dean Mayhew noted that an appeal had been received during the past ten days. Three members of the Graduate Council were asked to serve on an ad-hoc committee to review the appeal. This committee will meet before the end of the current academic year.

· Credentials

The report on faculty applications to direct doctoral dissertations was presented during Closed Session.

· Curriculum (See [Report/Appendix B](#))

Dr. Paul Frymier (Chair) reviewed the curricular items as presented in the agenda.

Graduate Council approved a new course request for the College of Education.

Graduate Council approved a Non-Standard Format request for the College of Human Ecology.

Graduate Council approved a request by the College of Social Work for the course "Psychopath and Social Deviance." This request was originally reviewed for the March meeting and sent back for additional information. All issues have since been satisfactorily resolved.

Graduate Council returned to the College of Social Work a Non-Standard Format request for a web-based course. Upon receipt of additional information, the request will be reviewed during the committee's summer meeting.

· Graduate Deans Group

Dr. Fred Tompkins (Chair) reported on the April 11, 2002 meeting. He discussed the information-gathering process for formulating a standardized format for notification of graduate assistantship awards.

He mentioned, as well, the possibility of changing the Hilton A. Smith Fellowship into a recruiting tool, thereby eliminating eligibility for current UT students. This issue evoked discussion and concerns regarding fellowships and recruitment across campus. Dean Mayhew suggested that it may be prudent to approach the Office of Development to seek additional funds for recruitment.

Dr. Tompkins also updated the Graduate Council on the progress of the recruitment survey being conducted by the Graduate Deans Group. The first phase of the survey is being distributed this week.

The election for new Graduate Dean Chair was held during the April 25 meeting. Dean Edward Caudill (Communications) will assume this post beginning in the fall.

Graduate Student Association

Mr. Sam Morton, new GSA President, introduced the other GSA representatives in attendance, Sid Collins (new vice president) and Dan Smithwick. He reported, as well, on the following GSA activities:

Three graduate students attended the lobby trip to Nashville, representing the University among the other 22 institutions represented, garnering attention for funding for higher education. The event attracted media coverage both in Knoxville and Nashville.

The GSA is working with the Office of Graduate Student Services and the Dean of Graduate Studies to organize the Graduate Student Orientation, scheduled for August 14, 2002. Dean Mayhew urged Graduate Council members to encourage their students to attend this event, as well as to stress the importance of the GTA seminar on August 15 and its practical application for new graduate teaching assistants and new faculty members.

GSA travel fund forms and guidelines have been updated and can be found on the GSA website.

· Professional Development

The group will meet in mid-May to discuss the last round of awards. A full report will be available at a later date.

3. Other Business

The Office of Graduate Student Services developed and distributed the calendar of Graduate Studies Meeting Dates for 2002-2003 ([See Appendix C](#)).

The Nominating Committee prepared a slate of two candidates for the position of Graduate Council Chair. Drs. Feigerle and Keyhani briefly outlined their visions of the position. Members voted via paper ballots. Election results were announced via e-mail on April 26, 2002. Congratulations to new chair, Dr. Majid Keyhani.

Dean Mayhew spoke on the continuing investigation into health insurance for graduate students. A committee headed by Denise Barlow of the Office of Finance has conducted a survey of other southeastern institutions, which has brought to light many of the complexities of this issue. If the budget allows, Dean Mayhew expects a recommendation regarding health insurance to be brought before the Graduate Council sometime next year.

CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Kathleen Davis (Chair) presented the report from the Credentials Committee. Five applicants were sent back to their department heads for additional information. Those faculty members granted approval to direct doctoral dissertation research are as follows:

Faculty Member	Academic Department	Approval Period
Bensmail, Halima	Statistics	Until tenure decision
Bond, Brian	Forestry	Until tenure decision
Buckley, David	Forestry	Until tenure decision
Ferreira, Mariana	Anthropology	Until tenure decision
Harper, Craig	Forestry	Until tenure decision
Hyunjoong, Kim	Statistics	Until tenure decision

King, Sammy	Forestry	Until tenure decision
Knowe, Steven	Forestry	Until tenure decision
Muller, Lisa	Forestry	Until tenure decision
Paige, Rosalind	Retail and Consumer Sci.	Until tenure decision
Peterson, Gregory	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Until tenure decision
Rials, Tim	Forestry	Until tenure decision
Rinehart, Lloyd	Marketing, Logistics, and Transportation	Until tenure decision
Wang, Siqun	Forestry	Until tenure decision
Ostermeier, David	Forestry	Until cumulative review
Schlarbaum, Scott	Forestry	Until cumulative review
Speer, C.A.	TAES/CASNR	Until cumulative review
Haley, Eric	Advertising	5 years

Graduate Council approved the report.

****PLEASE NOTE:**

The June meeting of the Graduate Council has been CANCELLED.

The Graduate Council adjourned at 3:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie L. Hinds, Secretary to the Council

APPENDIX A

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE APPEALS COMMITTEE OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

BY-LAWS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

Draft: April 9, 2002

FUNCTION.

The Committee serves as a standing committee of the Graduate Council to consider appeals from graduate students concerning a grievance that has been unresolved at the department and college level. Appeals may involve the interpretation of and adherence to university, college and department policies and procedures as they apply to graduate education. This committee does not consider grade appeals or grievances related to race, gender, religion, national origin, age or handicap (handled by the Office of Equity and Diversity).

SELECTION OF MEMBERS.

The Chair of the Graduate Council appoints seven elected members of the Graduate Council to serve as an appeal panel, with three members selected by the Chair for each appeal.

MEETINGS.

The Committee convenes as soon as reasonably possible following the receipt of an appeal from a graduate student to the Dean of Graduate Studies.

CHAIR.

The Chair of the Graduate Council appoints the Chair of the Committee from the Graduate Council membership.

PROCEDURES TO HANDLE APPEAL.

The Committee follows the Graduate Council Appeal Procedure, as established by Graduate Council on November 4, 1982; revised May 5, 1999. This procedure is published and distributed by the Office of Graduate Student Services and available at <http://web.utk.edu/~gsinfo>. Following a Committee hearing of the appeal, the Committee reviews the summarized record of the hearing together with findings and recommendations to the Council. The Graduate Council makes the final decision regarding the appeal. The Chair of the Graduate Council will notify the student, the Dean of the College, and the Department Head, in writing, of the Graduate Council's decision.

REPORTS.

Reports of appeals are maintained in the Office of Graduate Student Services in the records of Graduate Council.

APPENDIX B

GRADUATE COUNCIL

25 APRIL, 2002

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

THEORY AND PRACTICE IN TEACHER EDUCATION

Theory and Practice in Teacher Education

Add:

535 Inquiry Teaching and Learning (3) Use of children's and adolescent literature. Exploration of ways to create setting that invite learners to engage in inquiry learning and teaching. F

Effective Spring 2003

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

SOCIAL WORK

Add:

524 Psychopathology and Social Deviance (3) Assessment of psycho social functioning of individuals. Examination of mental disorders: clinical presentation problems, causes, and processes. Ecological perspective. Prereq: Foundation or consent of instructor.

Effective Spring 2003

NON-STANDARD FORMAT COURSE

RETAIL AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

595 Special Topics in Retail and Consumer Sciences (1-3) Issues and Trends in Retail: Minneapolis Study Tour- To expose students to the new retailing formats under development, as well as best practices of leading retailers in the U.S. Includes 5-day study tour to Minneapolis, MN. Offered over 3 weeks during Mini-Term for 3 hours credit. Requires 67.5 contact hours.

Effective Spring 2002

All backup materials are available in 201 Student Services Building.

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