

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

DATE OF MEETING: February 18, 2015

The February 18, 2015 meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order at 1:18 p.m. in SH 308 by Dr. Katie Rose, Chair of the Graduate Council.

ATTENDANCE:

- Members: Husny Amerih, Mary Anderson, Nancy Anderson, Catherine Bailey, Sneha Bharadwaj, Rosemary Candelario, Pei-Fen Chang, Karen Dunlap, Sara Fanning, Claudia Hagg, Jessica Gullion, Holly Hansen-Thomas, Victorine Imrhan, Ruth Johnson (ex-officio), Mark Kessler, Larry LeFlore (ex-officio), David Nichols, Kim Parker, Alejandra Quezada, Katie Rose, Linda Rubin, Susan Sheriff, Shih-Chiao Tseng (sub for Gail Poskey), Lynda Uphouse (sub for DiAnna Hynds), Pat Watson (sub for Claudia Haag), Genevieve West, Ann Wheeler, Anne Young, Vicki Zeigler
- Guests: Sherilyn Bird, Robert Lothringer, Donna Scott-Tilley, Stephanie Woods

MINUTES APPROVED:

- The meeting minutes for January 21, 2015 were approved as disseminated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dr. LeFlore had Dr. Sherilyn Bird report on the Pioneer Open Access Repository (POAR).
 - POAR is a digital service that collects, preserves, and distributes digital materials. For this reason it has been suggested that Graduate Council meeting minutes be preserved in the repository.
 - More information concerning publishing, formatting of data, and continuity of minutes will be analyzed before a vote will take place. Members of the Graduate Council agreed to examine how other universities handled meeting minutes and will determine at a later date what the right plan of action should be.
- Dr. LeFlore reported the following:
 - The Center for Statistical Services formally the Center for Qualitative and Quantitative is still available in order to assist faculty and students. The goal is to strengthen and enhance services for faculty and staff. The objectives are to define the mission, services, and structure of the center by April 1st.
 - Dr. LeFlore reminded Graduate Council members of the forthcoming 2015-2016 Graduate Council elections. Graduate Council representation will reduce from 31 to 29. The College of Arts & Sciences will be losing one member as well as the College of Professional Education.
 - Dr. LeFlore announced multiple upcoming events:

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- The *Graduate Program Showcase* will be held on March 7th. Last year there were at least 154 students at this event. Chairs have all received an email concerning this event and all departments are expected to participate.
- The *3 Minute Thesis* preliminary competition will be held on March 30th and the Final competition will take place April 6th. Two Board of Regents members have volunteered to participate as judges. There will be presentations out of Dallas, Denton, and Houston campuses. Masters and Doctorial students are eligible.
- The *Federation Symposium* will be held April 9-10th
 - This symposium will be open to all departmental programs. Eighty posters are available; twenty seven judges are still needed, as well as a guest speaker. There will be email announcements concerning the symposium in the near future.

SUMMARY REPORTS FROM 2014-2015 STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Academic Standards Committee - Dr. Holly Hansen-Thomas, Chair

- Dr. Hansen-Thomas proposed one change to the Graduate Faculty membership policy. Associate membership on the Graduate Faculty shall be limited to a period of seven years; after which members must reapply.
- Dr. Hansen-Thomas also proposed a change to the Graduate Assistantship policy. The number of years a student may hold a graduate assistantship depends upon the level of the degree program of the student. For a student at the master's level, the proposed maximum number of years will be four. For a student at the doctoral level, the proposed maximum number of years will be six. With these guidelines, each program may establish its own limits on the number of years of funding available. Requests to exceed these limitations as recommended by the head of the academic component must have the approval of the Dean of the Graduate School.

Dr. Katie Rose moved that the Council approve the change to the Graduate Faculty membership policy, and the motion was approved by the Graduate Council.

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Academic Programs Committee - Dr. Sara Fanning, Chair

- Dr. Fanning invited Dr. Stephanie Woods to explain the proposed Post-Baccalaureate Interprofessional Informatics Certificate. The 15 hour certificate

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will appeal to individuals in the healthcare field. The five courses will be taught to Doctoral and Master students.

Dr. Katie Rose moved that the Council approve the Post-Baccalaureate Interprofessional Informatics Certificate, and the motion was approved by the Graduate Council.

Membership Committee – Dr. Anne Young, Chair

- Dr. Anne Young thanked the committee members for their considerable efforts in reviewing 6 applications.
- The committee recommended approval of the following individuals for graduate faculty membership.

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COMPONENT	RECOMMEND
Christian	Hart	Psychology	Full
Elizabeth	Kelly	Music	Associate
John	Terrizzi	Psychology	Associate
Elaine	Trudelle-Jackson	Physical Therapy	Full
Sharon	Wang-Price	Physical Therapy	Full
Lin	Zou	School of Management	Associate

Dr. Katie Rose moved that the Council approve the recommendations, and the motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.