

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

May 7, 2012

The Graduate Council met at 3:00pm in 129 Himes Hall with the following members present: Byerly (ex officio), Day, Culross, Dow, Hirschheim, Holton, Liu, Matthews, Nardo, and Spivey. Absent members were Euba, Gaunt, Kelso, Lemieux, McKillop, Meng, and Neff.

Minutes of April 2, 2012

Minutes were approved for the April 30, 2012 meeting. Hirschheim moved for approval, Matthews seconded, and the motion was carried.

Dean's Report

The Graduate School procedures and roles of colleges will be posted on Moodle.

Byerly met with the Faculty Senate Committee to discuss the roles of the colleges regarding graduate faculty status. Tom Klei and Byerly will clarify the intent of what was done last year and have the Graduate Council review and ratify. Colleges will then review.

The certificate program for community engagement is under discussion. Byerly and Gil Reeve will meet with the Board of Regents to understand the process to develop certificate programs. Material Sciences is discussing specific classes to be included in their certificate. A good certificate program is post baccalaureate, masters, or doctoral curriculum used to specialize in a narrow area to get credit in specialized area. Certificate may only be for post baccalaureate degree. Community engagement may have hundreds. STEM disciplines have large number of students who need other credentials. Some certificates may be (1) on ramp for prospective graduate students, (2) give existing students opportunity to learn about something to enhance life or career, (3) after years of advance degree to enable other types of careers or volunteer work, and (4) continued education. Certificates may also be used in areas such as Music. English might provide technical writing, editing, etc. Additional resources may be needed.

The Graduate Council minutes will need to be published over the next six months. The minutes will be public records with the exception of personnel issues. Publishing the minutes will make university business appear more transparent. The publication will be on Moodle or something similar like the Faculty Senate minutes. The minutes may be made accessible through community Moodle for the entire lsu.edu portal. The meetings will have an executive session for personnel issues, like graduate faculty. Publishing of the minutes does not need to be retroactive. This will begin in the academic year. A 12 month period will need to be made available for the SACS review.

Chairs Report

Volunteers are needed for the SACS review. Five or six council members will need to volunteer. Day will provide a list.

Routine Business

Standing Committee Reports

Promotion and Tenure Committee: The committee indicated that they are at a slow period right now.

Graduate Faculty

Awards Committee

Subcommittee Reports

Multidisciplinary Programs and Minors Committee: Minors may not be able to be defined since different among programs. The committee agreed the coordinating committee could propose a “director” of interdisciplinary programs. Membership from all units could be unwilling; however, all programs should have an opportunity to have a representative on the coordinating committee. A subcommittee will need to review closely what the criteria should be for reviewing proposals and if a duplicate program? Nardo moved to approve the committee’s recommendations, Hirschheim seconded, and motion was passed.

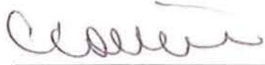
Old Business

New Business

Mass Communication is requesting a laptop requirement for graduate students. The department requested a requirement for undergraduates, which has been approved. The department reviewed and financial subsidy is available. The labs are increasingly difficult to maintain. Other universities, such as UFL, already have a laptop requirement. Most students already own their own laptop. Skills courses already have a requirement for laptops. The undergraduates will have an unfair advantage if the same requirement is not approved for graduate students. The department would like the Graduate Council’s approval to add this requirement in the Graduate Bulletin. The proposal does not specify if an i-pad or smart phone could be used. The graduate students will be professionals who will need to learn these tools. Holton moved to approve, Culross seconded, and the motion was passed.

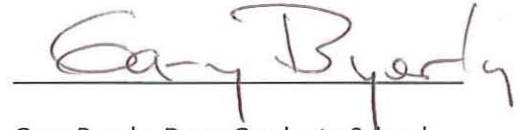
The meeting adjourned.

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