

**Graduate Council Meeting
November 17, 2010/Minutes**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Dr. Donzell Lee. Other members in attendance were Dr. Dovi Alipoe, Dr. Vivek Bhargava, Dr. Malinda Butler, Dr. Robert Carr, Jr., Dr. Robert Leard III, Ms. Julia Odom, Dr. Babu P. Patlolla, Dr. Bettaiya Rajanna, Ms. Lula Russell, and Dr. Alvin T. Simpson,

Minutes: Graduate Council members reviewed and approved the minutes for the meeting held on October 27, 2010.

Recruiting – Dr. Donzell Lee reminded department chairs that the university is looking at programs that have low enrollment. When the university looks at reducing the budget, these programs will be looked at very closely.

Associate Member of Graduate Faculty – Dr. Donzell Lee offered an amendment for associate member of graduate faculty to be one year. Dr. Vivek Bhargava offered the following amendment for Graduate Faculty:

- Full Member is appointed for five years.
- Associate Member is appointed for three years.
- Professional Affiliate Member is appointed for one year.

The Graduate Council voted to approval the amendment. The School of Graduate Studies will be responsible for notifying graduate faculty when their appointments expire.

Graduate Faculty – Listed below are the names of applicants who applied for graduate faculty membership and were approved by Graduate Council members:

Dr. Sandra Barnes, Chemistry and Physics	Full Member
Dr. Karen Cathey-Austin, School of Education and Psychology	Associate Member
Dr. Akash Dania, School of Business	Associate Member
Mr. Leroy Johnson, Biological Sciences	Professional Affiliate
Dr. Maifan Silitonga, Agriculture	Associate Member

Graduate Catalog – Ms. Julia Odom reminded the chairs who had not submitted their information for the Graduate catalog to submit changes as soon as possible because the deadline is December 1, 2010.

Graduate Admission Formula – **Dr. Donzell Lee reminded Graduate Council that Dr. Alvin Simpson, Chairperson** for the School of Psychology and Education discussed his graduate admission formula. The formula was approved by the Graduate Council members pending corrections with the stipulation that he submit changes to School of graduate Studies on November 19, 2010. Dr. Dovi Alipoe, Chairperson for the School of Agriculture discussed their graduate admission formula. Dr. Alipoe will submit his graduate admission formula to School of Graduate Studies. Dr. Lee will share the information with Graduate Council members via ballot.

The Graduate Council discussed if the graduate admission formula should be published in the graduate catalog. The council decided to publish a generic statement about admission requirement in the catalog. At the next meeting, the department chairs will discuss if the minimum scores for admission will be published for each department.

Department of Biological Sciences

Non Thesis – Dr. Bettaiya Rajanna is recommending that the Master of Science in Biology offer a non thesis option effective for spring 2011 semester. Students entering the non thesis option will enroll in BI 597, Special Research Project. The research project is six (6) credit hours. The student selecting this option will complete 33 graduate credit hours.

Online Master Degree in Biological Sciences – The Biology department will offer online master classes in biological sciences beginning spring 2011 semester. In the future, the Master of Science in Biology program will be offered online.

Department of Education and Psychology:

Online Specialist degree – The School of Education and Psychology is offering online specialist courses for spring semester 2011. By fall 2012, the specialist degree will be an online program. The Education department is recommending that the Specialist program offers a non thesis option. The option for non thesis will be a special project or scholarly paper. The non thesis option is retroactive for current students who are enrolled in the Specialist program.

Guidance Education – Dr. Karen Cathey discussed the following changes for the Master of Science in Secondary Education with an endorsement in Guidance Education:

- Change from Master of Science in Secondary Education with an endorsement in Guidance Education to Master of Science in Secondary Education with an endorsement in School Counseling
- Changing from 42 credit hours to 48 credit hours
- Curriculum changes have been approved by department

Changes are proposed to become effective for fall semester 2011.

Announcements

Next Graduate Council meeting is November 29, 2010

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.