

**Graduate Council Minutes
October 16, 2013**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Ms. Lula Russell. Other members in attendance were Dr. Malinda Butler, Dr. Robin Christian, Dr. Daniel Collins, Dr. Akash Dania, Dr. Donzell Lee, Dr. Kimball P. Marshall, Dr. Keith McGee, Dr. Babu P. Patolla, Ms. Julia Odom, Dr. Battaiya Rajanna, Dr. Cynthia Scurria, Mr. Jimmy Smith, Mrs. Cassandra Thompson, and Dr. Lixin Yu.

School of Nursing Program - Thesis and Project: Dr. Robin Christian presented a Proposal for Immediate Discontinuation of the Thesis/Project Requirement for the Department of Graduate Nursing. The Graduate School Nursing Program is requesting to eliminate the thesis requirements beginning fall semester 2014. A comprehensive exam will replace the thesis option. The goal for implementing this change is to increase retention, progression and the pass rate of the national certification examination. Those students who want to complete a thesis/project may continue to write a thesis. The Graduate Council members voted to approve the proposal with the amended subject: Proposal to Allow Non-Thesis Option for the Department of Graduate Nursing.

New Graduate Faculty: Dr. Kimball P. Marshall submitted a graduate faculty application for graduate faculty membership for the School of Business. The council voted to approve the following applicant for graduate faculty membership.

Graduate Faculty

Status

Dr. P. J. Forrest

ASU Professional Affiliate

Degrees Awarded: Ms. Lula Russell distributed a list of degrees awarded for May 2013 graduates. The list was sorted by departments and given to the Chairs. Total number of degrees awarded was 155.

Second Master's Degree: Ms. Lula Russell stated departments have expressed concerns about using the same courses for both (first and second) degrees. Dr. Malinda Butler stated students use core courses for both degrees in the School of Education. After a short discussion, Dr. Donzell Lee recommend that an ad hoc committee be formed and report at the next Graduate Council meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee Members

Dr. Malinda Butler
Ms. Julia Odom
Dr. Babu P. Patolla
Ms. Lula Russell

Enrollment: Ms. Julia Odom distributed Graduate Enrollment Report for fall semester 2013. The report compared data for fall 2012 to spring 2013. As a result of the comparison, there is an 80% retention rate from spring 2013 to fall 2013. The actual fall 2013 enrollment is 675. The enrollment report also listed the departments with students who have not paid their fees for fall semester 2013.

Degree Conferral Schedule: Mr. Jimmy Smith informed the Graduate Council members that degrees will be awarded during the academic year at the end of the spring, summer and fall semesters. When approved by Dr. Samuel White, the first degrees are expected to be award for fall semester 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.