

MINUTES OF GRADUATE COUNCIL
September 10, 2009
108 Brehm

Present: Barb Darroch for Tim Burcham, Kevin Hammond, Robert Hartshorn, Paula Moore, Daniel Nappo, Philip Smartt, Laura Leahy, Jenna Wright for Janet Wilbert, Jenna Wright, and Guest Tom Eskew
Absent: SK Airee, Georgina Awipi, Lisa LeBleu, Sandy Murray, Victoria Seng for Jerald Ogg, Victoria Seng

Chair Philip Smartt called the meeting to order at 3 pm and asked members to introduce themselves. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

OLD BUSINESS-none

NEW BUSINESS

CURRICULAR REQUESTS

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES

Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources

Motion to approve

1. Revision of prereq for GEDU 710 Advanced Physical Geology for Educators (3)
2. Revision of prereq for GEDU 720 Oceanology for Educators (3)
3. Revision of prereq for GEDU 730 Understanding Evolution (3)
4. Revision of prereq for GEDU 740 Field Experience in Geoscience: [Title] (3)

Motion carried.

GRADUATE FACULTY APPLICATIONS

Graduate faculty status was granted as follows:

Special—**Ann Holmes, Chongsuk Ryou, Harold Sills**

Temporary—**Tom Eskew**

OTHER

1. Degree Appeals Committee reports were accepted from CBGA and CEBS.
2. Graduate faculty status for adjunct and non-tenure track faculty—Discussion included accreditation standards, need for/value of application deadlines, scheduling sufficient courses for student population, securing appropriate faculty in timely manner, ratio of faculty with terminal vs non-terminal degrees, dean (college) review/approval of graduate faculty, feeling of rubber stamp approval. Smartt asked for volunteers to prepare a proposal for the November 2009 Council meeting. Subcommittee will consist of Hammond, Hartshorn, and Nappo.
3. Graduate student recruitment—Recruitment at graduate level is fragmented (graduate coordinators, ECOS, University Relations, Online Studies). Motion made and seconded that there be a more concerted effort to recruit graduate students.
4. Balancing rotation schedule for Graduate Council—Effort will be made to adjust committee membership (effective for Fall 2010) so that one-third of committee will rotate off each year and representation be proportionate for graduate programs.
5. Online accreditation—Because online programs are becoming more prevalent, questions/concerns re accreditation issues must be addressed. Smartt requested that Tommy Cates be invited to address the issue at the October Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Victoria S. Seng

Victoria S. Seng, Executive Secretary

9-11-09

Date