

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2013

Members Present: Anderson, Kelly – Special Ed and Child Development
Birdsong, Sarah - GPSG Student Representative
Gray, Lee – Architecture
Lipford, Heather Richter – Software & Information Systems
McGregor, Rob Roy – Economics (Graduate Council Chair)
Ojaide, Tanure – Africana Studies
Reynolds, Tom – Associate Provost for Graduate Programs and Dean
Smith, Stephanie Moller - Sociology
Swayne, Linda – Marketing (alternate for Peter Schwarz, Econ)
Thompson, Michael – Public Health Sciences
Walker, Judy – Atkins Library

Absent: Davis, Christine – Communication Studies (alternate not available either)
Zhou, Aixi – Engineering Tech and Construction Mgmt

Also Attending: Jernigan, Ed – Faculty President
Susan Sell – Graduate School
Johnna Watson – Graduate School
Matt Wyse – Academic Affairs

I. Approval for the February 5, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Chair McGregor called the meeting to order. Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve the February 5, 2013 meeting minutes as submitted. There being no further discussion, the motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was made by Gray with a second from Birdsong. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. Report of the Chair

- Chair McGregor distributed a handout reporting that the part-time MBA program is tied for 50th place among 325 part-time programs by US News and World Report.
- The Chair introduced Faculty President Ed Jernigan, who encouraged the Graduate Council to look at its charge and see if it needed to be updated. He also encouraged faculty to engage in faculty governance.

III. Report of the Dean

- Early Entry requests for Bioinformatics PSM and two certificate programs. Approved the one for the master's program but asked Council to consider approval of template for certificates. After discussion Council approved.
- Blue Cross, Blue Shield will be the new student health insurance provider. Premiums will likely remain at \$709/semester; \$1418/year

- Sara Birdsong provided an update on the GPSG Research Symposium coming up on Saturday, March 23, 2013 in Atkins Library. She invited faculty participation.
- Noted the Early Entry Application for Kinesiology had already been approved.

IV. Graduate Program Review - discussion

- The three subcommittees made reports. All appear to be on track toward completing reviews.
- Reynolds reported that Chemistry may not be able to deliver self-study in time for review.
- Council recommended more flexibility in self-study for programs that undergo external accreditation. Request was made to streamline the process for the professional programs.
- The Chair asked the Committees to have report drafts available at April meeting.
- A suggestion was made that it would be helpful to have one GPD/former GPD on each team reviewing the programs.

V. Other Business

- Early Entry Certificate Programs – covered in Dean's Report
- Graduate Academic Petition web-tool demo
 - Susan Sell gave an introduction to the system and introduced James Birkett who gave a demonstration of the system.
 - Council asked that Susan and James present again.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40pm.

Minutes submitted by Dean Tom Reynolds and Dr. Susan Sell in Annette Parks' absence.