

Graduate Council Minutes

January 31, 2002

The Graduate Council met at 3:30 P.M. in the Cope Conference Room. Chair Stephen Shearon presided.

I. Call to order

Members present: Drs. Claudia Barnett, Thomas Berg, John Bodle, David Foote, Terrence Lee, Jan Leone, Chris Montaque, Peggy O'Hara Murdock, Ellen Slicker, Vincent Smith, Andrew Worsey, Barbara Young, John Zamora

Ex-officio member present: Dean Donald Curry, Dean Gloria Bonner

Others present: Drs. Pearson, Wulfsberg & Kline/Chemistry Department
Dr. Peter Cunningham/HPERS/Graduate Office,
Karen Demonbreum & Ronda Sullivan/Graduate Office

II. Approval of Minutes - November 30, 2001

III. Announcements

A. Dr. Stephen Shearon

- (1) President McPhee will be attending the March Graduate Council meeting.
- (2) Dr. Shearon proposed to the Graduate Council that the Office of the MTSU College of Graduate Studies shall create a webpage on its website that contains an up-to-date list of 1) all graduate faculty by department, 2) the type and expiration date of that membership, and 3) all those faculty who have been given an exception to teach certain courses.

After much discussion it was decided that a current list, of the above mentioned, will be supplied to each department every fall and spring

semester

by the Graduate Office.

B. Dean Donald Curry

(1) Master of Fine Arts in Recording Arts and Technologies:

This proposal was approved by the Graduate Council at the December 1999

meeting. It was sent to TBR that same month. January 7/8, 2002 Dr. Roy Pritts, University of Colorado at Denver, made a site visit and his report/review was very favorable and he recommended approval of the program. Currently TBR has a moratorium on all new programs, so in order

for this program to go forward, it must meet TBR/THEC exception criteria.

(2) TBR transfer credit & grades - impact on MCJ program:

The MTSU/TSU joint Criminal Justice Program requires students to take 18 hours at each University. The new TBR policy requires that transfer grades,

even from other TBR Institutions, cannot be used in the student's cumulative

G.P.A. calculation. Thus, a Criminal Justice student could graduate with an MTSU transcript only showing 18 hours of graduate work with a G.P.A. <3.0.

C. Dr. Peter Cunningham, Faculty Assistant to the Dean

Dr. Cunningham presented the Council members with a handout announcing the

new scholarship that is available through the College of Graduate Studies.

The

Warren Graduate Scholarship for Public School Teachers or

Administrators in Tennessee will award two scholarships each academic year. A flyer has been mailed to every school in Tennessee. Only one applicant per school can be submitted and must be supported by the Principal.

Application deadline is April 15, 2002. For information please contact the Graduate Office.

The Student Affairs and Travel Subcommittee will serve as the Graduate College's selection committee for this scholarship.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty and Program Review

Dr. Ellen Slicker, Chair

1) Consent calendar attached - all items have been approved.

2) Chemistry - **New Courses:** effective fall 2002

CHEM 6100 Intermediate Organic Chemistry - 3 credit hours
CHEM 6230 Intermediate Analytical Chemistry - 4 credit hours
CHEM 6300 Intermediate Physical Chemistry - 3 credit hours
CHEM 6400 Intermediate Inorganic Chemistry - 3 credit hours

After discussion with the Chemistry faculty representatives, all courses were approved.

3) Review of the Adjunct Graduate Faculty Membership Eligibility:

After careful review and consideration, it was decided that full-time MTSU faculty are not allowed to hold the Adjunct Faculty Membership status. Allowing faculty to hold this membership was originally approved in October 2001, when the purpose of release time was thought to be based on research reassigned time. Provost Haskew wanted release time to be

based

on teaching a graduate course, therefore, the Council no longer wishes to make this membership available for full-time faculty members.

Q: What if a faculty member from one department wants to teach a graduate level course or serve on a thesis committee in another department, but they do not have graduate faculty status?

A: These will be reviewed on ad hoc bases and an exception may be given for a faculty member to teach or serve on a committee without being given graduate faculty status. The exception authority rests with the Graduate Dean.

4) The following applications were reviewed by the Council for graduate faculty membership and approved as follows:

Justyna Kostkowska - English - Renewed Associate Level 1 Membership

Cindi Smith-Walters - Biology - Associate Level 2 Membership

B. Student Affairs and Travel

Dr. Thomas Berg, Chair

Dr. Berg reported that beginning with a balance of \$15,000, fourteen (14) student travel grants have been awarded totaling \$6,609.61. The balance remaining in the account is \$8,390.39.

V. New Business

Dean Curry asked that the Graduate Faculty and Program Review Subcommittee

reevaluate the reassigned time issue. He feels that it is so important that this release time be based on research and not based solely on a faculty member teaching a graduate level course. The committee will make a recommendation

to

the Council after its review.

The next Graduate Council Meeting is scheduled for
February 28th, 3:30 p.m. in the Cope Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted by Ronda Sullivan, Recording Secretary.

Graduate Council Consent Calendar January 31, 2002

Graduate Faculty Memberships

Doctoral Membership - Initial Appointment

Elyce Helford / English

Carroll Van West / History

Full Membership - Initial Appointment

Paul Craig / Aerospace

Ken Harmon / Accounting

Susan Harmon / Management and Marketing

Full Membership - Re-Appointment

Ronald Aday / Sociology and Anthropology

M. Jill Austin / Management and Marketing

Nancy Bertrand / Elementary & Special Education

John Bodle / Journalism

Beverly Burke / Psychology

Kevin Donovan / English

Michael Dunne / English

Larry Farmer / Accounting
Andrienne Friedli / Chemistry
James C. Howard / Chemistry
William Ilsley / Chemistry
Dennis Mullen / Biology
Robert Rogers / Criminal Justice
Wayne Rosing / Biology
Kenneth Scherzer / History
Martin Stewart / Chemistry
Doug Winborn / HPERS
Lara Womack / Accounting

Associate Level 1 Membership

John Bertrand / Aerospace
Aleka Blackwell / English
Lisa Bloomer / Mathematical Sciences
Tammie Brown / Educational Leadership
Janice Dee Cole / BMOM
Norma Dunlap / Chemistry (Re-appointment)
Mark Ivy / HPERS
Jinfeng Yue / Management and Marketing

Associate Level 2 Membership

Larry Gentry / English

******* Curriculum Changes *******

Dyslexic Studies

DYST 6020 Adolescents with Dyslexia and Other Literacy Difficulties
New Course, 3 credit hours, effective summer 2002

