

Graduate Council Meeting
Minutes
April 17, 2008

Present: Muehsam, Ashorn, Bruce, Gaillard, Price, Tayebe

I. Approve Minutes

The minutes from the Graduate Council meeting of March 20, 2008 were approved.

II. Review Graduate Faculty Nominations

Per the Graduate Faculty Status Policy, the Council reviewed and made graduate faculty status recommendations for nominations.

III. Courses and Grades Transferred From Other Colleges and Universities Policy

There was discussion as to how to interpret the current policy in regards to the number of hours of transfer credit per program hours. The issue was whether or not the extra courses required for certification purposes was considered included in the total number of hours required for each course. It was decided by the Council that this is the case and the policy is correct as written.

IV. GradSchools.com

The Council discussed the possibility of increasing the University's recruitment efforts by becoming more visible at GradSchools.com. This would cost \$20,000 plus an additional amount for each graduate program's link to be listed on the site. The members agreed this was too costly for the service provided. The University is currently listed on the website along with a listing/information of SHSU's graduate programs; however, the information needs to be updated. At the next Graduate Council meeting, the members will view the template that is required to update the information and will decide the proper faculty/staff to complete the form.

V. Graduate Studies Orientation

The annual Graduate Studies Orientation will be held on August 21, 2008 for new Fall 2008 graduate students. The Orientation will follow the same format as in the past. Members were asked to advise their advisors to attend this event.