

Graduate Council Meeting
Tentative Minutes
May 15, 2008

Present: Muehsam, Ashorn, Bruce, Cook, Gaillard, Tayebi, Titterington

I. Approve Minutes

The minutes were approved from the May 1, 2008 meeting.

II. Review Graduate Faculty Recommendations

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

III. GradSchools.com Template

The Council viewed the template provided by GradSchools.com to update SHSU's program information on that website. The template will be sent to the dean of each college for processing and will be returned to the Office of Graduate Studies for submission to the GradSchools.com representative. At this time, the Council agrees that it is too costly to take advantage of other services offered by this company; however, updating our program information via the template is free of charge.

IV. Miscellaneous

The Doctoral Advisory Committee has agreed to purchase the services of Academic Analytics. The company evaluates the quality of doctoral programs based on productivity of faculty in comparison to peer institutions and programs. This service will be provided for our Ph.D. programs. For a separate fee, we will take advantage of a virtual service for our Ed.D. programs. It is very possible that we will also do a virtual service for our prospective doctoral History program. The same thing will be done for the prospective Ph.D. program in Math Education when they have finished hiring faculty for that program.

The Council discussed future goals.

- Improve visibility of current graduate school for undergraduate
- Continue to work on common forms and policies and procedures
- Discuss continuity of Graduate Faculty Status policy in regard to qualifications to chair scholarly papers
- Philosophy – what we are trying to accomplish

Ann Holder from the Newton Gresham Library will attend the next Graduate Council meeting to discuss with the members the problems the Library has encountered with meeting timelines for theses and dissertations.

At the next meeting, the Council will discuss the philosophy of the Graduate Council and what type of guidelines we should have.