

Graduate Council Meeting
Minutes
April 13, 2009

Present: Muehsam, Abshire, Boccaccini, Cook, Hoover, Nichter, Price, Ruiz, Tayebi

I. Approve Minutes

The minutes from the March 30, 2009 Graduate Council meeting were approved.

II. Review Graduate Faculty Status Recommendations

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

III. Graduate Faculty Status Policy

There was discussion regarding the suggested changes that have been made to the Graduate Status Policy especially the section pertaining to looking at the history of a faculty member for possible membership. A draft of the policy with the changes will be e-mailed to the members for review. After agreement of changes, the proposed policy will be taken to the Council of Academic Deans for their review and approval.

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

The Council discussed the issue of how to handle justification for transfer courses over 6 years old. It was decided that a statement will be added to the Grade Degree Transfer Request form stating that if there is a request for a course to be transferred in that is more than 6 years old, justification must be provided.

V. Graduate Studies Orientation

Graduate Studies Orientation will be held on Monday, August 17, 2009. The Council will share this information with their departments.

VI. Miscellaneous

Items to think about:

1. Regarding hours toward second master's – does it mean first master's has to come from SHSU?
2. Can hours in master's count as hours toward doctorate? (This will also be brought to the Doctoral Advisory Committee for their input.)