

DOCTORAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

February 20, 2006

I. Policies and Outside Readers

The Graduate Council modified and approved the policy to allow outside-readers to serve on thesis/dissertation committees. The policy will be taken to APC for approval.

II. Self-studies

Graduate Council supports the concept that all graduate programs should have periodic self-studies to include outside reviews. Doctoral Advisory Committee earlier approved the idea for doctoral programs. Both committees will review accrediting standards from their disciplines with the goal of creating an SHSU self-study manual.

III. Graduate Faculty Status

The committee supports the concept of realigning term of appointment to match tenure/post-tenure review timelines.

Discussion was held on qualifications for Regular Graduate Faculty status. It was agreed that anyone on the thesis/dissertation committee should be publishing. The current policy will need to be revised to emphasize this requirement.

IV. University Exchange Program

Dr. Creighton discussed EDL Exchange Program. For next year, the committee agreed to take a more active role in making it a more University-wide program. This year, given the current time limits, the department of EDL will continue to be the main sponsor. Dr. Creighton asked other members of the committee to help publicize the event. A discussion on where to house the event was held.

V. Future Items

- A. Graduate Faculty status
- B. Promoting graduate programs
- C. Thesis/dissertation committee structure