

Graduate Council Meeting
Minutes
March 2, 2009

Present: Muehsam, Boccaccini, Cook, Hoover, Nichter, Price, Reed, Ruiz

I. Approve Minutes

The minutes from the February 16, 2009 Graduate Council meeting were approved.

II. SACS-Dr. David Potter's Visit

The Chair of the SACS on-site committee visited the SHSU campus for a preliminary meeting before the on-site team visits in March. Dr. Potter reported that he is very impressed with the information that has been submitted to the team.

III. Conference of Southern Graduate Schools Meeting (CSGS)

As an out-going member of the Executive Committee of CSGS, Dr. Muehsam attended the annual meeting in Norfolk, Virginia. Some of the attending schools reported experiencing budget cuts. There were student panels in place to get student perspectives on mentoring. The students reported that they watch faculty very carefully especially for ethics.

IV. Minors

This item was tabled until the next meeting in order to give the members time to discuss with faculty how involved they should be in students choosing minors.

V. Members Not Employed by SHSU Serving on Dissertation Committees Policy

The Council made suggested changes to the wording of the policy regarding a new form to be submitted when requesting an external committee member. Wording was also revised regarding the qualifications of an external member.

A draft version of the form to be used to request an external member was reviewed and suggested changes were made.

VI. Miscellaneous

The issue of credit or not credit or grade for thesis and dissertations will be discussed at the next meeting.