

Graduate Council Meeting
Minutes
June 2, 2008

Present: Muehsam, Ashorn, Bruce, Cook, Edmonson, Price, Tayebi

I. Thesis & Dissertation Timelines – Ann Holder

Ms. Ann Holder, Director of Newton Gresham Library, discussed with the Council the issue of students trying to put pressure on the Library staff to process their theses and dissertations quickly so they wouldn't have to enroll in classes the semester before they graduate. The Council and Ms. Holder agreed that if students miss the deadlines, they have to follow the continuously enrolled policy. For exceptions such as the faculty did not schedule the defense in time, students are called up to military service, or students have to return to their homes in other countries, a sub-committee of the Council will create a form to be signed by the chair of the defense committee that will be attached to the theses or dissertations giving approval to ask the Library staff to rush the review process.

II. Approve Minutes

The minutes were approved from the May 15, 2008 meeting.

III. Graduate Faculty Status Recommendations

Per the Graduate Faculty Status Policy, the Council reviewed and made graduate faculty status recommendations for nominations. Dean Jaimie Hebert of College of Arts & Sciences and Dr. Mike Bankhead of the College of Music will attend a future meeting to assist the Council with guidelines when reviewing graduate faculty status recommendations from the Fine Arts.

IV. Miscellaneous

In the future, the Council will have discussion regarding comps, what can be substituted for comps, and what the University is trying to accomplish with comps.

It was suggested that on the Graduate Studies website under thesis/dissertation timelines that a statement be added such as, "Some colleges or department programs may have different deadlines." This will be discussed at a future meeting.