

Graduate Council
Minutes
March 6, 2008

Present: Muehsam, Ashorn, Bruce, Edmonson, Gaillard, Price, Tayebi, Titterington

I. Approve Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of February 21, 2008 were approved.

II. Review Graduate Faculty Nominations

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

There was discussion of the electronic short vita being used for reference when making graduate faculty status recommendations. The goal is that the short vita will be updated yearly making the document the most current resource of identifying faculty credentials and achievements. Dr. Muehsam will present this suggestion to the Council of Academic Deans for their recommendation.

III. SACS

The Council discussed the SACS Standards 3.6.1 thru 3.6.4 information to be submitted to Dr. Muehsam. After clarification, the Council better understood what information is requested of them.

IV. Reorganization of Council

The Council, after discussion, agreed that the decision regarding the membership of the Graduate Council should be left at the deans' discretion. There is a definite need for each graduate program to be represented by members who are familiar enough with the individual programs to be able to guide the other members in discussions leading to decision making. Dr. Muehsam will re-draft the charge of the Graduate Council and e-mail it to the Council for review. This item will be discussed in future meetings.

V. Miscellaneous

The future direction of the Council was discussed with the unanimous decision made to move in the direction of focusing on program review. The Council also agreed that it is of vital importance to concentrate efforts to raise recognition of graduate programs especially with undergraduate students.

At upcoming meetings, the Council will discuss the pros and cons of developing a graduate advisors' resource guide.