

Graduate Council Meeting
Minutes
October 31, 2008

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

Dr. Roger Abshire was welcomed as a new member of the Graduate Council.

- I. Review Graduate Faculty Status Recommendations
Per the Graduate Faculty Status Policy, the Council reviewed and made graduate faculty status recommendations for nominations.
- II. Review Policy 801014 – Graduate Faculty Status Policy
There was much discussion regarding possible revisions to be made to this policy. Dr. Muehsam impressed upon the Council the need to make sure that our graduate faculty members are qualified to lead as chairs and co-chairs of thesis and dissertation committees. Most of the discussion involved the possibility of having faculty members come in as temporary-doctoral with a co-chair to mentor them as chairs for one year. This would be done possibly for new faculty members who don't have sufficient publications but the Council agrees that they have the ability to serve at the temporary-doctoral level, then review their vitas after a year. A sub-committee comprised of Drs. Larry Hoover and Debbie Price will work together on this to create suggested wording regarding and bring this forward to the Council at the next meeting.
- III. Curriculum Procedures
This item will be discussed at the next Council meeting. However, the members were asked to think of ideas to start the discussion as to creating and developing curriculum processes.