Graduate Council
Columbus State University
Minutes of the April 13, 2012 Meeting

Members Present
Nancy Moore  Greg Domin  Wayne Summers, Chair  Tara Underwood
Kimberly Gill  Brenda May Ito  Warren Church  Kirk Heriot
Betty Hipps  Cheryl M. Smith  Andrew Zohn

Guest
Lisa Shaw (Academic Center for Excellence)

1. Chair Wayne Summers called the meeting to order at noon.
2. Minutes were accepted, corrected, and approved.
3. The chair began the meeting by congratulating Sally Miller and Tara Underwood on their recent promotions.
4. Congratulations, too, on the completion of the MPA accreditation visit at CSU.
5. Greg Domin was pleased with the March 29th Graduate Expo; the expo went well and the office’s recruiting efforts are going well also.
6. Lisa Shaw spoke about what the Center of Academic Excellence does and offered help to the Graduate Council in any way possible.
7. Betty Hipps, representing the Graduate Faculty nomination subcommittee, presented information about qualifications for Graduate Faculty Membership. After reading and discussion a motion was made and seconded to accept all revisions and clarifications.
8. Kirk Heriot and Wayne Summers talked about curriculum changes made to the MBA requirements. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept these changes.
9. Computer Science submitted final versions of the joint BS/MS program for inclusion in the College documents. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the combined BS/MS program in Computer Science.

10. Under NEW BUSINESS, Warren Church offered some thought-provoking policy questions which were discussed by the Council.
1) A student wrote: "I have been informed that you have a month (4 weeks) after you participate in the graduation ceremony to fulfill your requirements, such as in my case taking the rest of my comps." Is there a Graduate School policy to this effect?

2) In order to reply to each student with a modicum of logic, I wondered what marching in the ceremony confers the student? Nothing but their name in the program, right...? No diploma certainly, right?

It was decided that we will invite the Registrar/Assoc. Registrar to the first meeting in August.

Betty Hipps presented the Undergraduate Admissions Policy and suggested a need for a policy that defines the transfer or giving of credit hours for military experience or education. Kirk addressed this issue, as well. No action was taken.

11. Wayne said that the Graduate Council is charged with defining guidelines for drafting and using graduate assistants. He also noted that there were different types of such assistants. A draft was discussed and will be posted on the website. It was suggested that the application form also needs revised.

12. At 1:05 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

13. Next meeting is May 4

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Moore