University Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
Richards Hall, VPAA Conference Room
August 14, 2015, 12:00 p.m.

Council Members Present

Dr. Kimberly Gill (COLS)       Dr. Andrew Zohn (COA)
Dr. Andres Jauregui (TCOB), Presiding       Dr. John Ellisor (COLS)
Dr. Cheryl Smith (COEHP) Past Council Chair       Kevin Burgess (COLS)
Dr. Ellen Roberts (Director, Graduate School)       Dr. Margie Yates (COEHP)
Dr. Hoda Mehnpojan for Dr. Radhouane Chouchane (TCOB)       Dr. Debbie Gober for Dr. Greg Blalock (COEHP)
Ms. Kristin Williams (EX Officio)

Topics

Item 1: Welcome, Lunch, and Approval of Minutes for June and July.

Dr. Jauregui called the meeting to order and the council approved the June meeting minutes. The council then approved the July minutes with the provision that the numbers of graduate faculty members approved in that meeting be added to the Old Business section of those minutes.

Item 2: Report from Associate Provost for Graduate Education.

a. Graduate Assistant Applications. Dr. Roberts reported that these applications are down at present but some applications were still in the works which could improve the numbers.

b. Graduate Assistant Training Day (Sept. 21): Dr. Roberts reminded the council members that all our graduate assistants need to sign up for this training.

c. Graduate Assistant Training Panel: Dr. Roberts called for volunteers from the graduate council to serve on a panel to discuss various situations and problems in graduate student affairs as well as propose possible remedies and solutions. Ms. Williams, and Dr. Yeats volunteered to join Dr. Roberts on the panel.

Item 3: Old Business.

1. Approval of Graduate Faculty: The Council approved a list of 32 graduate faculty members. The Council approved 27 for full graduate faculty status and 5 for provisional graduate faculty status.
2. **Appeal of Earlier Decision**: The council took up an appeal of an earlier denial of full graduate faculty status to a professor. The professor’s department head appealed that denial but after discussion the graduate council upheld its earlier decision.

**Item 4: New Business.**

1. **Review of Policy for Approval of Graduate Faculty Serving on Graduate Committees but Not Teaching**: The Graduate Council postponed consideration of this topic until the next council meeting.

2. **Graduate GPA**: The Graduate Council postponed consideration of this topic until the next council meeting.

3. **Election of Graduate Council Officers**: The Graduate Council postponed consideration of this topic until the next council meeting.

**Item 5: Announcements.**

Graduate Assistant Training Day on August 21.

Next Graduate Council Meeting – September 11, 2015

**Adjournment**: 1:59 p.m.