University Graduate Council Meeting
Richards Hall, VPAA Conference Room
October 9, 2015, 12:00 p.m.

Council Members in Attendance

Dr. Greg Blalock (COEHP)
Dr. Kristin Williams (EM) – Ex Officio
Dr. Tina Butcher (AA) – Ex Officio
Dr. Ellen Roberts (AA)
Dr. Cheryl Roberts (COEHP) – Acting Chair
Dr. Margie Yates (COEHP)
Dr. Radhouane Chouchane (TCOB)
Dr. Scott Harris (COA)
Dr. Masako Okura (COLS) for Dr. Fred Gordon
Dr. Keven Burgess (COLS)
Dr. John Ellisor (COLS)

Topics

Item 1: Welcome, Lunch, and Approval of September Minutes.

Dr. Smith, acting as council chair in the absence of Dr. Jauregui, called the meeting to order and the council approved the September minutes with revisions.

Item 2: Report from Associate Provost for Graduate Education.

Dr. Roberts reported that eight recruitment grants had been funded for various departments, and additional grant funds remained for eligible applicants. Dr. Roberts also gave examples of some of the ideas for recruitment offered in the grant applications so far. Finally, she explained that the grant money offered must be spent by March 1, 2016.

Ms. Williams reported on attending recent graduate fairs in Georgia and Alabama to help recruit graduate students to CSU. She also announced that CSU would have a presence at upcoming fairs in the region, and in November the Graduate School would host a fair for young professionals wishing to continue their studies. Finally, Ms. Williams reminded the council of the university’s Graduate Discovery Day on November 14.

Dr. Roberts then mentioned that the Graduate School had held a Lunch-and-Learn on Mentoring the week past. She also noted that the proposal deadline for the Domi Research Conference (November 4-5) had been extended.

Dr. Roberts concluded her report by saying that a list of approved graduate faculty would be sent to departments for review, and those people teaching graduate courses without approval must have their applications in and approved by the next graduate council meeting (November 13). Also, a new graduate council membership list will be updated and posted online.
Item 3: Old Business.

a. Approval of Graduate Faculty: The graduate council approved seven applications.

b. Update on Graduation GPA: Dr. Roberts informed the council that she wanted to add a 3.0 GPA and completion of all program requirements on the graduation requirements section of the 2015-2016 Academic Catalog, and that she had already done that.

c. Course Repeat Policies and the GPA: The council reviewed various university policies on repeating graduate courses for credit and graduate GPAs used for good standing and graduation. The council then decided that at CSU the cumulative GPA would be used for both program standing and graduation for our students. Further, the council decided that no more than two graduate courses could be repeated by a student, and then only one time each. In addition, only courses with grades of “C” or below may be repeated. Dr. Roberts and Dr. Yates agreed to draft this policy on GPA and repeat courses for submission to the deans.

Dr. Roberts added that departments may have stricter policies than this, but those must be published.

d. Transfer of Graduate Credits from Prior Degrees: Here the council agreed that such credits would not be accepted at CSU as a general rule, but the deans will take up the matter and review the policy.

Item 4: New Business.

a. Election of Graduate Council Officers: Dr. Margie Yates is now our Chair Elect.

Item 5: Announcements.

a. Ms. Williams announced that registration was underway for CSU Discovery Day and there would be campus tours for graduate students.

b. The next graduate council meeting scheduled for November 13.

c. Dr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.