

Graduate Council

April 16, 2008
Barnett Hall 2402

A regular meeting of the Graduate Council was held April 16, 2008 at 3:40 p.m. in Barnett Hall 2402. Members present were:

Wendy	Miner	Education
Jay	Bulen	Music
Donna	Russell	Library
Barbara	Price	English
Maria	Di Stefano	Graduate Dean
Paula	Cochran	Communication Disorders
Jay	Belanger	Math
Crystal	Buffaloe	Graduate Student Rep

Paula Cochran, chair, opened the meeting.

Approval of March 19, 2008 minutes

Motion, approve as amended: J. Bulen. **Second**, M. Di Stefano
Minutes Approved.

Executive Committee Report

Nothing pertaining to Grad Council discussed

Graduate Dean's Comments (M. Di Stefano)

Graduate Education Week luncheon went well, email highlights of graduate students going out each day. C. Buffaloe let us know the information tables are set up in a different building each day and about the mixer being held on Friday the 18th. M. Di Stefano also brought up setting realistic goals for graduate recruitment. Gina Morin is willing to meet with program directors and department chairs early in fall. Some community colleges are offering an Associate of Arts degree in teaching.

Discussion Item: 2008-2009 Graduate Council Officers (P. Cochran)

Nomination of officers took place. J. Bulen was nominated by W. Miner as chair. He accepted the nomination and was voted in as chair. W. Miner was nominated by J. Bulen as vice-chair. She accepted this nomination and was voted in as vice-chair.

Discussion Item: New Faculty Governance Policy (P. Cochran)

The council looked at suggestions on the Faculty Senate website. There was discussion on whether reps from inactive programs should be voting members or not. The question was raised as to whether the Graduate Dean should be a voting member. W. Miner moved to make the Graduate Dean a voting member. J. Bulen seconded the motion and it was approved. P. Cochran will send this information to Diane Johnson.

Action Item: Vote on GC Bill 0508-Bill to Address English to Speakers of Other Languages Add-On Certification (W. Miner)

The bill number has been changed from the Education Department number and given a Graduate Council number. W. Miner discussed courses needed to earn the add-on certification for MAE students. It is hoped this add-on will benefit the local population. M. Di Stefano moved to approve the bill, J. Bulen seconded. The bill was approved.

Action Item: Vote on Bill 0408 Graduation List Spring 2008 (P. Cochran)

J. Bulen moved to approve the list as presented, W. Miner seconded. The spring graduation list was approved.

Other Business:

M. Di Stefano thanked P. Cochran for her service this year as chair and congratulated B. Price on receiving tenure.

It was decided to continue to meet in Barnett Hall next year. A suggestion was made that representatives to Grad Council be someone who will be able to come to meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 3:40.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.