GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
March 26, 2009
(Approved)

Council Co-Chairs present: Dr. Ronna Vanderslice and Dr. Buddy Odom

Council Members present (voting): Dr. Jennifer Dennis, Ms. Megan Foster, Dr. Jim Hawkins, Dr. Michelle Smith, Dr. Ali Soylu, Dr. Lawrence Weinstein

Council Members present (non-voting): Ms. Claudia Edwards, Ms. LaQuita Shaw

Council Members absent (voting): Ms. Rosalyn Cash, Dr. Marge Kingsley, Dr. Ken Masters, Dr. Terrence Paridon, Dr. Lynda Robinson

Council Members absent (non-voting): Ms. Bernadette Lonzanida

Guests: Ms. Zoe DuRant, Director of Admission; Ms. Jamie Glover, Assoc. VP Enroll. Mgmt.; Ms. Renee Roach for Linda Phillips, Registrar; Dr. Lance Janda, Chair History & Government

PROCEEDINGS

Meeting was called to order by Co-chair, Dr. Vanderslice at 2:30 pm.

Minutes from prior meetings were distributed:
   January 12, 2009 Special Meeting: Academic Appeal for Heather Sladek
   January 22, 2009 meeting

A motion to approve the January 12 meeting was made by Dr. Lawrence Weinstein and seconded by Ms. Megan Foster. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the January 22 meeting was made by Dr. Jim Hawkins and seconded by Ms. Megan Foster. The motion carried.

Old Business

1. Second Master’s Degree policy-recommendation sent to Dr. McArthur-no action at this time.
2. Graduate Catalog updates (Megan Foster). Review the graduate catalog changes for the next meeting.

New Business

1. Request for new course HIST 5513/2205
   This course would be a part of the MS Organizational Leadership program which is not yet approved. Dr. Lance Janda, Chair of History & Government, provided information on the course. It will be an interdisciplinary case study and include intensive reading, discussion and research into a wide array of specific leadership challenges in various fields throughout history. Student will be expected to make classroom presentations, complete a major research project, and apply principles and lessons learned in previous Organizational
Leadership courses. Class should be taken during the last semester of MS ORGL coursework. Dr. Janda would teach initially. The motion to approve was made by Dr. Jennifer Dennis and seconded by Dr. Michelle Smith. Motion carried.

2. Request for program modification, MSOL program.
Representatives from Cameron University met with military officials regarding the MSOL and they were not interested in the program as it was passed by Graduate Council in Spring 2008. Military officials felt it was a light MBA and they would like to see some psychology and Human Resource Management courses. The previous proposal listed OLDR 5733 Strategic Knowledge and Change Management and it will be replaced by BUS 5973 Legal and Ethical Environment of Business. The previous proposal stated OLDR 5743 Data Driven Decision Making and it is being replaced by PSY 5013 Research Methods in Behavioral Sciences. The previous proposal listed MGMT 5803 Global Policy and Strategy and is being replaced by MGMT 5843 Current Issues in Human Resource Management. Dr. Jim Hawkins made the motion to accept the program changes and to substitute the three courses that were approved during last Spring 2008 meeting. Dr. Jennifer Dennis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dr. Odom asked the council for permission to incorporate the proposed MS Organizational Leadership (from Spring 2008) with the new modifications. The members of the council agreed to allow him to make the changes and present the revised proposal to Dr. McArthur.

3. Graduate Faculty Requirements
Subcommittee report was made by Dr. Hawkins and Dr. Weinstein. Dr. Hawkins contacted Northeastern Oklahoma State, Tarleton State, and Midwestern State University (handouts provided). Dr. Weinstein contacted Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma State University, University of Central Oklahoma and University of Oklahoma. Dr. Vandenslice asked the members of the council to read the handouts and discuss at the next meeting.

4. The next section of graduate catalog update assignments was made.
For Educational Leadership the copy of the catalog was given to Dr. Michelle Smith and Ms. Claudia Edwards. MSBS/Licensure was given to Dr. Lawrence Weinstein and Claudia Edwards. The changes should be given to Megan Foster by Monday, April 13.

5. Admission Terminology changes were presented by Zoe DuRant, Director of Admissions.
Since graduate admissions is now under the Office of Admissions there is a need to make the admission process categories similar to those of the undergraduate. In order to simplify the process it was suggested that the categories be changed. Unconditional admission would not change. The provisional and temporary categories would fall under conditional instead of having their own category. Zoe DuRant is to offer suggestions concerning the Special Program for next meeting. The motion to approve the terminology change for admission was made by Dr. Jennifer Dennis and seconded by Dr. Michelle Smith. The motion carried.

6. Determination of comprehensive exam dates for September 2009, January 2010 and June 2010. Claudia asked if the dates for business and psychology had to be the same date.
LaQuita Shaw said it is probably less confusing for students if the dates are the same and if they can be coordinated between both business and psychology.

**Announcements**

Graduate Preview Night is scheduled for April 14 at 6:00 in Shepler Ballroom. The general session will be from 6:00-6:30. The breakout sessions will be at 6:30 and 6:50. MBA/MSES and MSBS will have their own room for the break out sessions, while, Education will have three rooms. Invitations were sent to alumni that were five years out with no masters and those that expressed interest within the last three years. It will also be advertised on the radio and in the newspaper.

Next meeting date was discussed because several members of the council cannot attend the April 23 meeting. Wednesday, April 22 was discussed as a possibility for the next meeting. Dr. Vanderslice will send an email asking for responses for a change in the date. Please respond promptly so we may change the date for the April meeting.

There were no comments or questions.

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Vanderslice at 3:50pm.