Graduate Council Meeting
March 8, 2014
3:30 p.m.
CETES 207

Co-Chairs:  Dean John Camey  Dean Howard Kuchta

Council Members:  Dr. Jennifer Dennis  Dr. Mary Dzindolet  Dr. Jim Hawkins
                    Dr. Dwight Hite  Dr. John Hodgson  Dr. Ken Masters
                    Dr. Lynda Robinson  Dr. Michelle Smith  Dr. Derik Steyn
                    Ms. Nichole Cooper  Mr. Jared Cox

Ex officio Members:  Mrs. Zoe DuRant, Ms. Claudia Edwards, Ms. Mandy Husak, Ms. Suzy Jouben,
                        Ms. Linda Phillips

MINUTES

Members Present:  Dean John Camey, Dean Howard Kuchta, Dr. Jennifer Dennis, Dr. Mary Dzindolet, Dr.
                    Dwight Hite, Dr. John Hodgson, Dr. Lynda Robinson, Dr. Michelle Smith, Dr. Derik Steyn, Ms. Nichole Cooper,
                    Mrs. Zoe DuRant, Ms. Claudia Edwards, Ms. Mandy Husak, and Ms. Suzy Jouben

Others Present:  Renee Roach (for Linda Phillips) and Donald Hall

I.  Dr. Camey called the meeting to order at 3:32.

II. Business

   A.  Old Business

   1. Minutes are posted online at http://www.cameron.edu/graduate_council.

   B.  New Business

   1. Dr. Dzindolet presented the vitae Clifton Nunnaly for approval as temporary graduate faculty. Dr. Dennis moved to approve. Dr. Hite seconded. Motion passed.

   2. Dr. Robinson moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2014, meeting. Dr. Hodgson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

   3. Dr. Robinson presented the Faculty Senate Rules Committee’s proposed changes to Graduate Council membership.

       Proposed Membership Requirements:

       Faculty: All Department Chairs in departments where graduate courses are offered. Three faculty members from each department that offers a graduate degree (Business, Education, Psychology).

       Students: Two graduate students nominated by the co-chairs shall be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the Graduate Council.
Administrators: Deans of the School of Business and Education and Behavioral Sciences shall be Co-Chairs of the Graduate Council.

Non-Voting: Academic Affairs Coordinator, Education and Psychology Graduate Coordinator, MBA Graduate Coordinator, Registrar, Director of Admissions/Graduate Enrollment

This would bring Council membership to 16 voting members and 5 non-voting members.

Dr. Smith made a motion to accept the Faculty Senate’s proposal for submission to the VPAA. Dr. Dennis seconded. Motion passed with one dissenting vote.

4. Dr. Camey introduced Donald Hall, Director of the Office of Financial Assistance, to speak about the effects of a one year suspension on students with Federal student loans.

Mr. Hall will follow up with the percentage of graduate students who have Federal student loans. Ms. Roach suggested that we review the academic suspension policies of other regional universities. She will look into this for the Council. The agenda item was tabled for further discussion at a later meeting.

5. Dr. Hite proposed discussion of the “Changes in Degree Requirements” section of the catalog. Going forward, all such changes will require the department to propose a transition plan for how students under the old degree plan would be transitioned to the new plan.

6. Further review of the Graduate Catalog was tabled for the next meeting. All items for discussion should be sent to Ms. Husak and Ms. Jouben.

III. The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.