Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2011
11:00 a.m.
CETES 105

Council Members: Jennifer Baker  Dr. Jennifer Dennis  Dr. Mary Dzindolet
Dr. Jim Hawkins  Dr. Marge Kingsley  Dr. Ken Masters
Dr. Lynda Robinson  Dr. Michelle Smith

Ex officio Members: Mrs. Zoe DuRant  Ms. Claudia Edwards  Ms. Mandy Husak
Mrs. Bernadette Lonzanida  Ms. Linda Phillips

Co-Chairs: Dean Buddy Odom  Dean Ronna Vanderslice

Members Present: Dean Ronna Vanderslice, Dr. Buddy Odom, Jennifer Baker, Dr. Mary Dzindolet, Dr. Ramona Hall (for Dr. Jennifer Dennis), Dr. Ken Masters, Dr. Lynda Robinson, Ms. Zoe DuRant, Ms. Amanda Husak, Ms. Bernadette Lonzanida, Ms. Renee Roach (for Linda Phillips), Ms. Claudia Edwards, Dr. Marge Kingsley

I. The meeting was called to order by Dean Vanderslice at 11:01 a.m.

II. Dr. Masters moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2011, meeting. Dr. Robinson seconded; motion passed.

III. Business

A. Dr. Vanderslice reminded members that the minutes of each meeting are posted online at http://www.cameron.edu/graduate_council.

B. Dr. Vanderslice submitted a student request for an appeal of academic suspension.

After lengthy discussion and a review of the student’s transcript, Dr. Robinson moved to support the appeal and allow the student to enroll in order to raise his overall GPA to a 3.0 in order to qualify for the comprehensive exams. The student does not lack any classes to complete his program but does need to raise his GPA and take comprehensive exams. Dr. Masters seconded the motion. The motion passed with the conditions listed below:

1. The student will remain on suspension status. Therefore, if he fails to maintain a 3.0 during any semester prior to raising his overall GPA to a 3.0, he will be dismissed from the university.

2. Enrollment into any class that has already started will require the professor’s approval.

The rationale for this decision was that the student was not notified of his academic suspension due to the transition to Banner and did not realize this until he tried to enroll in comprehensive exams. The council wants to ensure the student understands the conditions above so in addition to receiving the letter, they would like Dr. Vanderslice to contact him to ensure he understands the ramifications of pursuing his enrollment at this time.
C. The council reviewed the membership guidelines, and it was noted that the School of Business has three (3) openings for representatives: a school representative, a student representative and one for the new Master of Science in Organizational Leadership program. New members will be invited to the next meeting.

D. Dr. Odom, Dean of the School of Business, submitted two (2) graduate faculty members’ vitae for approval to graduate faculty:

1. Ankur Nandedkar was recommended for temporary appointment, pending the posting of his Ph.D. Dr. Masters moved to approve. Dr. Kinglsey seconded; motion passed.

2. Dr. Arif Qayyum was recommended for permanent appointment. Dr. Robinson moved to approve, and Dr. Masters seconded. The motion carried.

E. Dr. Vanderslice requested possible meeting times for the 2011-2012 academic year. Best times to meet were Tuesdays at 11:00 or Fridays at 1:00 pm. Meeting dates will be emailed to the group prior to the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.

Minutes submitted by Claudia Edwards.