Arkansas Tech University
Graduate Council
Minutes of Meeting
September 18, 2012

The Graduate Council met in Baswell Techionery, Room 203 on Tuesday, September 18, at 3 p.m. Graduate Council members include the following:

Dr. Mary Gunter, Chair
Dr. Linda Bean, Vice Chair
Dr. Matt Stephen
Dr. Susan Underwood
Dr. Annette Holeyfield
Dr. Sid Womack
Dr. Sean Huss
Dr. Nelson Ramirez

Dr. Deborah Wilson
Dr. Cheryl Smith
Dr. Thomas Nupp
Dr. Rick Ihde
Dr. Matt Brown
Mr. Trent DeWitt, Student Representative
Ms. Tammy Rhodes, Secretary

Dr. Gunter, Dr. Holeyfield, Dr. Ihde, and Dr. Smith were absent.

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Bean called the meeting to order and indicated a quorum was present for the meeting and business could be conducted.

Dr. Bean asked for approval of the minutes from August 21, 2012. Dr. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Underwood, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

GRADUATE FACULTY NOMINATIONS

Dr. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Huss, to approve all requests for Graduate Faculty status. Dr. Wilson amended the motion, seconded by Dr. Womack to look at each request. Motion carried.

Dr. Stephen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Underwood, to approve the following faculty member for Regular Faculty status:

Dr. Rosemary A. Burk, Biological Science – College of Natural & Health Sciences

Motion carried.

Dr. Womack made a motion, seconded by Dr. Underwood, to approve the following faculty member for Regular Faculty status:

Ms. Darla Sparacino, Biological Science – College of Natural & Health Sciences

Motion failed.

Dr. Underwood made a motion, seconded by Dr. Womack to approve the following faculty member for Non-Regular Faculty status:

Dr. Judith Austin Hobson, English – College of Arts & Humanities

Motion carried.

Dr. Stephen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wilson to approve the following faculty member for Non-Regular Faculty status:
Ms. Kathy Steffy, Center for Leadership & Learning, Graduate College

Motion failed.

Dr. Huss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ramirez to approve the following faculty for Regular Faculty status:

Dr. Michael T. Rogers, History & Political Science – College of Arts & Humanities
Dr. Cory Shaman, English – College of Arts & Humanities
Dr. Regina L. St. John, English – College of Arts & Humanities

Motion carried.

Members requested an item be added to the October agenda regarding policy for faculty with non-terminal degrees requesting Graduate Faculty status.

CURRICULAR ITEMS

Department of Mechanical Engineering

Dr. Underwood made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wilson, to approve addition of the following courses to the course descriptions: ELEG 6881, 6882, 6883, and 6884, Special Topics in Engineering. Motion carried.

Department of Business and Economics

Dr. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Womack, to approve addition of the following courses: (a) MGMT 5083, Business Policy, to be cross-referenced with MGMT 4083; (b) BUAD 6003, Independent Study; (c) BLAW 5073, Special Topics in Law, to be cross-referenced with BLAW 4073; (d) MGMT 5053, Small Business Management, to be cross-referenced with MGMT 4053; (e) MGMT 5223 Leadership: Ideas and Images in Art, Film, History, and Literature, to be cross-referenced with MGMT 4223; (f) MKT 5053, Sport and Event Marketing, to be cross-referenced with MKT 4053; (g) MKT 5093, International Marketing, to be cross-referenced with MKT 4093; (h) MKT 5143, Marketing Management, to be cross-referenced with MTK 4143; and add the Master of Science in Business Administration. Dr. Underwood made a motion, seconded by Dr. Huss to amend the proposal for the new degree to state the program is intended for non-business majors. Motion carried to approve the courses and program.

UPDATES

Dr. Bean indicated Graduate enrollment had increased by 11.5% since last year. Enrollment went from 711 students to 862. Dr. Bean reminded members that Curriculum Proposals are due October 1, 2012. Dr. Bean announced the next Graduate Council Meeting will be held on October 16, 2012, 3:00 p.m. at Baswell Techionery Room 203.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Rhodes