

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE FACULTY  
Dec 6, 2010

The regularly scheduled fall semester Graduate Faculty meeting was called to order by President Joe Newkirk at 3:00 pm on Monday, December 6 in the Carver Turner Room of the Havener Center.

Present: Newkirk (President), Fitch (Secretary), Malone, Worsey, Montgomery, Stephenson, Fisher, Peacher, Cox (Grad Office), Hudgins (Grad Office), Costoplos (Grad Office) and Rapier (Registrar's Office), Cree (Registrar's Office) and Stoll (Registrar).

1. Approval of Minutes – approved unanimously
2. Commencement list approval – The list of graduate degree and graduate certificate recipients was amended (added Robert Davey - Systems Eng Certificate; Daniel A. Pereira Bras Sequeira - Data Warehouses Certificate; removed Raymond Koenig – military construction management certificate, Brad Richardson - M.S. Nuclear Engineering, and Samuel Petersen - MS Elec Engr) and the amended list was approved unanimously.
3. Graduate Learning Outcomes – Dr. Malone presented proposed wording for campus-wide graduate learning outcomes, required by HLC based on the most recent accreditation visit:

Knowledge: an ability to apply knowledge of subject matter within their field of study.

Communication: an ability to communicate effectively within their field of study.

Critical thinking: an ability to engage in productive critical thinking within their field of study.

Professional development: an ability to develop professionally within their field of study.

Motion: “Approve the Graduate Learning Outcomes as presented” (Malone/Stephenson). Discussion focused on assessment of the outcomes, and itw as noted that 100% participation may not occur and is not required by HLC. Motion passed.

4. Motions from Graduate Faculty Council

a. Motion: “Form 1 and 5 be amended to list courses towards the graduate GPA toward graduation and separately list required courses not counted towards that GPA, and modify GPA requirements as listed: Plan of study; Deficiency/Prerequisite. “GPA requirements for graduate students” to exclude deficiency/prerequisite courses.”” The Registrar asked about wording for the catalog; President Newkirk agreed that this is an issue. Motion passed.

b. Motion: “Students are eligible to dual enroll when they have obtained senior status, with a minimum GPA of 3.5 if two semesters remain, 3.0 if in their final semester” The honors program was mentioned as being the ‘two semester’ entry in the catalog, and President Newkirk indicated the Honors program no longer exists and indeed led to this proposed revision. Motion passed.

4. DC for MS-Non Thesis in Explosives Engineering, referred from Curricula Committee. Motion to approve (Stephenson/Fisher). Motion passed.

5. DC for MS-Non Thesis in Geology, referred from Curricula Committee. Motion to approve (Fisher/Montgomery). Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm.