

**Graduate Council Meeting
23 January 2013**

Present: J. Newkirk, V. Allada, L. Costoplos, S. Matson, C. Wilson, V. Hudgins, F. Montgomery, Yingchou Lin proxy by Li Li Eng, P. Worsey, X. Liu proxy by J. Leopold, R. Landers proxy by K. Wagner, M. Fitch

1) November 13th Meeting Minutes - Approved (Motion: Montgomery, Seconded: Worsey)

2) Response form VPGS on the rights of faculty on the use of thesis/dissertation defense rubric forms.

Dr. Allada received no response form UM Legal as yet. Dr. Worsey noted that his concern is use of the Sunshine Law by a student to obtain evaluation information which might then result in some tort against the individual members of the faculty. Dr. Allada noted that each department has adopted a format; departments could choose to adopt a single form for each student without faculty being identified. Dr. Allada offered to press UM Legal for an opinion and Grad Council could revisit the issue at the next meeting. Dr. Worsey suggests that the process not include individually traceable information in the record.

Motion: “Graduate Council asks that the Graduate Office encourage Departments to adopt graduate rubrics which are filled out by the committee rather than individually by committee members” made by Worsey, second Montgomery. Approved unanimously.

3) Update on motion to the Graduate Faculty “No course can be counted towards more than one graduate certificate”

At the December Graduate Faculty meeting, the motion was not raised due to time constraints. Although previously hypothetical, a student did attempt in FS 2012 to obtain two graduate certificates using a combination of the same courses. Motion will return to Graduate Faculty agenda.

4) Informational Item: Proposal for PhD in Explosives Engineering is in process, an e-mail vote by the Graduate Faculty was requested due to a timeline issue.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

English Proficiency Requirements

Refer to Page 13 of the Graduate Catalog

Minimum Criteria

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) → 550/79

OR

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) → 6.5

OR

- Intensive English Program (IEP) → Satisfactory completion

