Minutes of the Graduate Council  
September 7, 2004  
As approved by the Graduate Council, October 5, 2004


**Members absent:** D. Higgins, V. Houser, T. Miller, R. Slick, S. Smethers, M. Wilkerson.

**Graduate School staff present:** J. Guikema, C. Shanklin.

**Guests:** Provost Duane Nellis

The meeting was called to order by Dean R.W. Trewyn at 3:30 p.m. in Room 213, Student Union.

1) **Opening remarks.**
   - Welcome by Ron Trewyn.
   - Graduate School changes:
     - Bobette McGaughey retired. The Graduate School is in the process of filling the vacant position.
     - Ted Knous has accepted a position at another university. Jim Guikema will be focusing more of his efforts on research and Carol Shanklin will move to the Graduate School full time. Jim will be moving his office to 102 Fairchild.
     - Cheryl Polson will continue to work with the Graduate School as a liaison in the Kansas City area.
   - Looking Forward:
     - ASSESSMENT: An accreditation team will be on campus for a targeted review in the spring of 2005.
     - NRC rankings of graduate programs: The process has been delayed because of funding. K-State needs to be prepared for if and when they decide to proceed.
     - BIOSCIENCE initiative: The Kansas legislature has passed an economic growth act that will secure funding for the enhancement of research, development, and commercialization of bioscience technologies in the state. This would lead to a variety of funding opportunities for K-State, such as new faculty positions.
     - The NSF dramatic increase in stipends are creating challenges for many programs across the US. Nationally the top issue for graduate students seems to be health insurance. K-State will need to address this issue to stay competitive.
   - The Graduate School held an update meeting for graduate program directors which included:
     - International student applicants are at an all-time low. The US is being viewed as unfriendly due to increased security. Next year, international students will be required to pay a $100 fee before they can visit with a visa officer.
     - Review of Graduate School deadlines, forms and required enrollment for student on various appointments.
   - Jim Guikema introduced the idea of professors of practice. The current growth in higher education is in master’s programs, especially those that involve distance or professional development. Individuals that would be ideal to guide these students are the working professionals in that discipline and do not meet the current criteria for graduate faculty. Other universities have approached this challenge with the concept of a professor of practice, which assigns an alternate set of criteria to these potential graduate student committee members. Graduate faculty are encouraged to consider this idea and others, in order to meet the changing needs of our graduate student clientele.
2) Minutes. The minutes of the May 4, 2004 meeting were approved as presented.

3) Graduate School Actions and Announcements

   a) Appointments for Graduate Faculty Membership
      
      | Name                | Department/Program |
      |---------------------|--------------------|
      | Tammy (T.J.) Atwood | Accounting         |
      | Blair Kidwell       | Marketing          |
      | Jennifer Minick     | Animal Sciences and Industry |
      | Douglas Patterson   | Philosophy         |
      | Raphael A. Yunk     | Architectural Engineering |

   b) Non-Graduate Faculty to teach Graduate Courses *(Emergency Approval)*
      
      | Name             | Department/Program | Courses | Term |
      |------------------|--------------------|---------|------|
      | J. Larry Hackney | Political Science  | POLSC 700 | F04  |

4) Subcommittees

   a) First meetings will be scheduled for the week of September 20th.

   b) Jim Guikema reviewed the types of council committees. Members were asked to meet in their academic caucus after council adjourned to decide on their representation on the academic affairs, student affairs and planning subcommittees.

5) Graduate Student Council Information

   Tony Mong (chair) reviewed changes in the Graduate Student Council (GSC) structure. He announced that October 1st is the deadline for graduate student travel grants and that GSC meetings have been moved to Noon on the second Monday of the month. The first meeting of this semester will be Monday, September 13th in room 206 of the K-State Student Union.

6) University Research and Scholarship

   a) Provost Nellis introduced himself and discussed goals, challenges and opportunities for graduate programs and K-State.

   b) Jim Guikema announced that all graduate students are encouraged to apply for the Presidential Management Fellows Program. Contact Carol Shanklin for more information.

Council was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.