

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Graduate Council Minutes

October 31, 2013

Dempster 102, 8:30 a.m.

Members: Present: Eddleman, presiding; Amick, Althaus, Brown-Haims, Brune, Eaton, Gathman, Grueneberg, Heischmidt, Mardanov, McCollum, Odegard-Koester, Roberts, Walling, Omon. **Visitor:** David Stader

A. Dr. Eddleman called the meeting to order and asked for the approval of the minutes from September 19, 2013. Minutes were approved by the council.

B. Reports:

Dean -

1. Dr. Eddleman began by stating Graduate Council will be voting on elimination of Graduation with Honors. This will be voted on later in the meeting.
2. Dr. Eddleman stated that some links to the Graduate Studies website along with many other campus websites will be moving to a new server. He mentioned this will mean shorter lead time to post information on those sites.
3. Dr. Eddleman acknowledged the fact that Dr. Eaton will be leaving us after this semester. His work as the thesis reader has been appreciated greatly. Dr. Eaton is currently overlapping his efforts with the newly hired thesis reader, Dr. Kilburn.
4. Dr. Eddleman noted the unveiling of the Graduate Coordinators Manual compiled by Julie Grueneberg. He mentioned the information was provided to graduate coordinators at a recent meeting. (Handouts were provided to Graduate Council.)
5. Updates were provided by Dr. Eddleman on the status of submissions for the Excellence in Teaching and Research Awards. Dr. Eddleman stated he was hopeful more entries would be submitted since he moved the award to the fall versus the spring semester. However, that did not hold true. The nominations that were received have been passed along to readers who volunteered to help. Dr. Eddleman extended his appreciation for their work.

Dr. Eaton added that he and Dr. Kilburn might be able to help generate more research nominations for this award. If they review an exceptional thesis, they could contact that department about possible submission for the Excellence in Research Award.

6. Dr. Eddleman mentioned for several years, Southeast Missouri State University has had a cooperative agreement with the Sichuan province of the People's Republic of China. Dr. Eddleman stated he was pleased to announce we are graduating our first two students this semester.

Academic Standards

1. Dr. Brune reported a meeting with the Academic Standards Committee is scheduled for November 1st (tomorrow). She stated a report will be available at the next Graduate Council meeting.

Curriculum Committee

1. Dr. Heischmidt reported the curriculum committee completed their review of the courses EA 907, GO 644 and ZO 445. Graduate Council members received a copy of their comments/suggestions.
2. Dr. Heischmidt asked that we take another look at the template provided for departments to follow when completing a Course Addition/Revision/Termination Form. He stated the information regarding SLO's and Chain of Command do not appear to be posted on the template.

Dr. Eddleman stated the Graduate Studies Office will take a look at the template and update with needed information.

Assessment Committee

1. No Report

Registrar's Office

1. No Report

Graduate Admissions

1. No Report

C. Action Items:

1. No action items were submitted for review this month.

D. Informational Items:

1. Courses for Electronic Vote:

- a. EA 907 Qualitative Tools for Applied Research in Educational Leadership
- b. GO 644 Spatial Analysis
- c. ZO 645 Aquatic Entomology

Courses were approved (Roberts/Haims-Brown) pending revisions.

2. Graduate Faculty Approved:

- a. William McNeary Mathematics Adjunct Graduate Faculty Status
- b. Emmanuel Thompson Mathematics Regular Graduate Faculty Status

Dr. Eddleman ended the meeting by asking the Graduate Council to vote on whether or not to eliminate Graduation with Honors. (Gathman/Eaton moved to approve)
Eddleman stated the motion will now go forward to Academic Council

Meeting adjourned

