

## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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Graduate Council Minutes

April 19, 2012

UC Redhawks Room, 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Eddleman, presiding; Brune, Deken (for Koch), Eaton, Freshwater, Gunn, Heischmidt, Judd, Jung, Roberts, Taylor, Zen. Visitors; Branscum, Hinkle, Hoffman, McFerron, Reynolds.

The Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to Kathleen Reynolds. The Excellence in Research Award was presented to Shelba Branscum on behalf of Joshua Lester.

The Minutes of January 19, 2012 were approved ( Taylor/Freshwater).

### Reports:

Dean: Tom Eaton has agreed to serve as the Thesis Reader for Spring and Summer. There are still 60-80 mentions of copies of the graduation intent form on the website—this is a dead form. Please review your graduate or department manuals online and revise as needed so students are not accessing a form that is no longer being used.  
Graduate assistants enrolled in GR603/604 will no longer receive a small stipend due to a reduction in the Graduate School operating budget.  
There will be a meeting of the Graduate Coordinators on April 30.  
Graduate Council elections will be held in early Fall 2012 to stagger terms.  
Send comments or concerns regarding the Graduate School reorganization to Eddleman.

Academic Standards Committee Report (Taylor): Taylor presented a report of the committee's findings regarding whether Southeast should continue to offer "Graduation with Academic Distinction" for graduate degrees. The current minimum GPA required to graduate with Academic Distinction is 3.9. The committee presented three options for the Graduate Council: (1) retain the current 3.9 GPA requirement for Graduation with Academic Distinction, (2) increase the requirement to a 4.0 GPA for Graduation with Academic Distinction, or (3) eliminate Graduation with Distinction. A motion was made (Taylor/Freshwater) to increase the requirement to a 4.0 GPA for Graduation with Academic Distinction. Following further discussion, a vote was taken by a show of hands and the motion failed; aye-5, nay-6.

Taylor presented changes for the Graduate Bulletin regarding eligibility and retention of graduate assistantships (page 12 of the 2010-2011 Graduate Bulletin). The following changes *in italics* were accepted:

9 hours of completed graduate level coursework in his/her degree program with at least a 3.0 graduate g.p.a.

*Graduate assistants are expected to maintain a satisfactory academic record. At all times, the graduate assistant must maintain a minimum 3.0*

*cumulative g.p.a. In addition, a graduate assistant is allowed only one grade of 'C' during his or her program of study regardless of the overall g.p.a. A grade below 'C' is unacceptable. Failure to exhibit appropriate academic performance results in automatic termination of the assistantship.*

Curriculum Committee Report (Heischmidt): No Report

Assessment Committee Report (Judd): Judd reported on the growth of programs from a survey sent to the graduate coordinators; there were 34 responses. Several factors have led to no growth in programs: limited number of faculty, limited class size, programs are going off-campus, competition with William Woods, cancelled classes. There is concern about advertising for programs and the number of programs available online.. Information will be sent to Allen Gathman to explore potential of more online programs being offered.

**Action Items Approved:**

Course Revisions:

The following courses were approved (Judd/Taylor) pending revisions:

EL682—Invention Designs for Struggling Learners

EL683—Advance Practicum Intervention Models

**Graduate Faculty Approved:**

- William Bratberg, Middle and Secondary Education, Regular Status
- Sherry L. Copeland, Educational Leadership and Counseling, Adjunct Status
- Sharon J. Dees, Elementary, Early and Special Education, Regular Status
- Peter Durow, Music, Associate Status
- Rita C. Fisher, Educational Leadership and Counseling, Adjunct Status
- Linda Garner, Nursing, Regular Status
- Laura C. Krieger, Criminal Justice & Sociology, Adjunct Status
- Lorenzo Rizzi, Educational Leadership and Counseling, Adjunct Status
- Bruce Skinner, College of Liberal Arts & College of Education, Adjunct Status
- Michele Tanz, Nursing, Associate Status

**Other:**

Eddleman will meet with the Chairpersons Forum during the fall semester to ask them to review their graduate faculty. Review of graduate faculty is to occur every five years.

Meeting adjourned (Roberts/Taylor).