

School of Graduate Studies

Graduate Council Minutes

March 20, 2008

Members Present: Janzow, presiding; Athinarayanan, Branscum, Chamberlain, Dow, Gifford, Haims, Heischmidt, Judd, MohdZain, Roberts, Scherer, Taylor, Zen.

Visitor: Sandy Hinkle

The Minutes of 1/17/08 were **approved**. (Gifford/Haims)

Dean's Comments:

- Janzow discussed SB389 and noted that negotiations regarding the meaning of tuition are still under way as not all institutions define it the same way. At the same time, the curriculum alignment and student evaluation items are still being worked on.
- The Council was encouraged to get students to attend "The Next America" program on April 11th.

Scherer announced that elections will be held at the next GSAC meeting on April 9th. They will also discuss an end of the year mixer/social.

The Academic Standards Committee will revise the Academic Standards Policy for further review by the Council.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding accelerated degrees and what issues might arise if Southeast were to adopt these types of programs. Hinkle stated that some issues that would be impacted are accreditation, fees, undergraduate/graduate credit, and the fact that University policy would have to be changed. The Curriculum Committee was charged with developing a policy for presentation to the full Council.

The Council voted to give the Excellence in Teaching Award to Kathryn Carson from the Department of English. (Gifford/Heischmidt)

Approved via electronic vote:

BA682 Health Care Budgeting and Reimbursement [as amended]

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.