

Graduate Council Minutes

September 16, 2011
Thurmond 208

Members Present: Wanda Briggs (COE), Andy Doyle (CAS), Spiro Shetuni (Dacus), Don Rogers (VPA), Stevie Chepko (COE), Jane Thomas (CBA), Gary Alderman (CAS), Tom Polaski (ex officio), Patricia Graham (ex officio, GSO), and Tracy Miskelly (student, COE).

Others Present: Gina Jones (R/R), Tim Drueke (AA), Margaret Williamson (GSO-secretary)

I. Chair, Wanda Briggs, **welcomed Dean Patricia Graham** to the meeting.

II. The **minutes** from the August 30, 2011 minutes were approved.

III. Old Business

- a. Dr. Briggs informed everyone that the change of meeting dates from October 28 to November 4, 2011 and from March 23 to March 30, 2012 are official. The web has been updated.

IV. New Business

- a. Dean Graham reported that graduate enrollment is up for degree-seeking students and credit hour production is up significantly from last year. During her first few days, she met with all graduate directors and Graduate School staff members. She and a task force will be reviewing the 2007 New Directions document which recommended establishing the Graduate School to determine how the GSO can best serve programs. This group will also determine the role of the GSO in relation to the academic programs and colleges. Dean Graham would like to inform deans, directors, and program coordinators of our marketing and recruiting efforts.
- b. The following faculty members from the English department were approved for graduate faculty status: Dr. Leslie Bickford, Dr. Casey Cothran, Dr. Gregg Hecimovich, and Dr. Robert Prickett.
- c. MUST 620 was approved. This course was inadvertently left out of the original curriculum action last spring for the new piano pedagogy track.

- V. The **meeting was adjourned**. The Petitions Committee met immediately following adjournment.

The next meeting will be November 4, 2011.