Graduate Council Minutes
Hemphill 316
Thursday, 24 July 2014, at 3:30 pm.

Present: Johanna Boult (chair), Leonard Clark (Graduate School), Kim Marie Tolson, Jana Giles, Paul Sylvester, Carl Kogut, Donna Luse, Jack Palmer, Jessica Dolecheck

Absent: Amal Kaddoumi, Tommie Church

I. Preliminary, Old, or Initial Business:
   A. Minutes of May 2014—accepted pending minor corrections: Should read “Miss Becky Pickering;” change to “exercise science;” change “one” to “once” under c.2.

   B. The minutes of June 2014 were reviewed, discussed, and revised for correct wording for the following item: New wording recommended for item IV.d.iii:

      Clinical member: (a) earned terminal degree in field of specialization, (b) adjunct or visiting professor who has a record of appropriate clinical experience, (c) evidence of scholarly activities (such as published, refereed journal articles; book chapters; books) and professional activities, and (d) previously served as a graduate Associate Member at ULM or comparable accredited university. A clinical member can serve as a member of graduate advisory committees; chair and direct field studies, theses, and dissertations; and teach graduate courses.

II. New Business:

   A. It was requested that we consider at the next meeting changing the description of the requirements for Full Graduate Faculty to also include the following:

      Member: (a) earned terminal degree in field of specialization, (b) adjunct or visiting professor who has a record of appropriate clinical experience, (c) evidence of scholarly activities (such as published, refereed journal articles; book chapters; books) and professional activities, and (d) previously served as a graduate Associate Member at ULM or comparable accredited university.

   B. It was noted that in some instances insufficient information is being provided about the student appeals; for example, GPA is a factor for evaluation for admission, but in some cases the Council was not provided with a student’s transcripts, and therefore the GPA was not provided. The Council requested that all relevant information that is required to make a fair assessment be provided.

   C. Policy clarification is needed regarding whether in the remaining time before the person graduates they are required to maintain a 3.0 GPA each semester without appealing again.
D. Dr. Clark presented an update regarding the Graduate School administration as well as the MFT faculty. He announced that there will be an open house at the inception of the new semester.

E. The question was raised whether programs are considering abandoning use of the GRE and GMAT and other entry exams, and if this should be under further discussion.

III. Meeting Adjourned at 4:58 p.m.