

GRADUATE COUNCIL

2013-2014 END-OF-YEAR REPORT

From June 2013 through April 2014, the following tasks were completed by the Graduate Council:

1. 23 Faculty applications for graduate faculty status were processed.
2. 35 Student appeals and/or time extension requests were processed.

In addition, the following two subcommittees that were appointed in 2012:

1. By-Laws Revision Subcommittee [Luse (Chair), Sylvester, and Tolson],
2. Work of the Document Revision Subcommittee [Boult and Hanser],

have been charged with the task of reviewing the working documents of the Graduate Council as well as documents currently utilized by the Graduate School. Work of these committees was stalled temporarily by the university reorganization. It is expected that their work will be completed sometime toward the end of August or the beginning of September, 2014, as each committee member's time throughout the summer permits.

During the year, there was some change in membership of the Council. Several members were rotated off the Council while others were added. Specifically, the following committee member changes were observed during the 2013-2014 academic year:

Rotated off the Graduate Council	Assigned to the Graduate Council
Barnett, William	
Hill, Ron	Giles, Jana
Guernsey-Pitchford, Julia	Kaddoumi, Amal
Bill McCown (ex officio)	Clark, Leonard (ex officio)

Lastly, the Graduate Council is one of the few committees that meets throughout the entire year, including the months of June, July, and August. As such, many committee members are required to attend during times when they are otherwise off during the summer. To date, most all members do attend these meetings without objection, allowing the Council to process university business in a smooth and timely fashion. The council met eleven times last year (June 2013 – April 2014) including one electronic vote in December 2013. With this in mind, it is clear that this committee is willing and able to meet and conduct business so that university operations continue to run smoothly.

Sincerely,

Johanna Boult
Chair, Graduate Council