

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.
Hemphill Hall Room 316

Present: Johanna Boulton [Chair], Tommie Church, Leonard Clark [Ex Officio], Jessica Dolecheck, Jana Giles, Robert Hanser, Amal Kaddoumi, Carl Kogut, Donna Luse, Caitlin McKeighan, Kim Tolson, & Paul Sylvester.

I. Preliminary, Old, or Initial Business

- A. The minutes for the January 17, 2014 meeting were approved, pending minor revisions.

II. Graduate Faculty Recommendations

No new faculty recommendations.

III. New Business

- A. A thorough discussion was provided regarding the composition of the Graduate Council membership composition. This item was TABLED pending the acquisition of additional information and further consideration.
- B. Discussed revised Thesis/Dissertation Guidelines pertaining to thesis/dissertation committee rules and procedures. Dr. Clark asked Council members to provide feedback and input related to this document and its contents.
- C. Changes to graduate assistant policies and procedures were proposed and discussed.
- D. The proposal from the College of Business and Social Sciences titled *General Requirements for Admission* was APPROVED, pending one minor revision. It was requested that, in the footnote section of this document, the word “to” be changed to the word “could,” to read as follows:

***GPA – Graduate GPA could be used for admission formula if applicant has completed a graduate degree; combined graduate and undergraduate GPA could be used for admission formula if applicant has earned graduate credit.**

- E. Dr. Palmer's concern about conditional admission was discussed and addressed by the Council. After deliberation, the Council clarified this issue with the following overview of the process regarding the admission process:
1. The student applies to Graduate School at which point the Graduate School makes a determination to admit (regularly, conditionally or provisionally) or reject the student's application.
 2. At this point, a letter from the Graduate School will be given to the student.
 3. If the student is denied admission from the Graduate School, the student can appeal to the Graduate Council.
 4. If the student is admitted by the Graduate School, the student can then proceed to apply to a specific program at ULM to be considered for admission (regular, conditional, or provisional) to that program.
 5. Appeals regarding admission to the program should be handled by the program graduate committee

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

F. The dates for future meetings of the Graduate Council during the spring semester are as follows:

1. February 20, Thursday, 3:30pm
2. March 20, Thursday, 3:30pm
3. April 17, Thursday, 3:30pm
4. May meeting TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.