

GRADUATE COUNCIL
2014-2015 END-OF-YEAR REPORT

From June 2014 through April 2015, the following tasks were completed by the Graduate Council:

1. 28 Faculty applications for graduate faculty status were processed.
2. 41 Student appeals and/or time extension requests were processed.

In addition, the following two subcommittees that were appointed in 2012-13:

1. By-Laws Revision Subcommittee [Luse (Chair), Sylvester, and Tolson],
2. Document Revision Subcommittee [Clark (Chair) and Boulton],

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. The Document Revision Subcommittee (chaired by Dr. Clark) made significant progress on revising forms and clarifying processes and procedures for submitting them. Most of the forms were submitted to the Graduate Council for review and approval during the October, 2014 meeting. Work of the By-Laws Revision Committees continues to move slowly. It is recommended that their work be a main focus of the Graduate Council's efforts, beyond faculty recommendations and student appeals, next year.

During the past year, there was some change in membership of the Council. Although Tim Ford was assigned to the Graduate Council, from the College of Arts Education and Sciences but resigned from the university before serving, so he was replaced by Amy Dagley. Jack Palmer was also added as an additional member from the College of Business and Social Sciences. Furthermore, this will be Johanna Boulton's last year to serve on the Graduate Council as she has resigned from the university. She will be replaced by a member of the Graduate Council nominated and approved by the Graduate Council during the May 2015 meeting and in accordance with Graduate Council bylaws. The person appointed to chair will then need to be replaced by a new member.

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 ten times last year (June 2014 – April 2015); a December meeting was unnecessary. 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 Boulton
Chair, Graduate Council