

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
October 5, 2015

The Graduate Council met at 3:00pm in 129 Himes with the following members present: Day, de Queiroz, Gansle, Kelso, Lee (ex-officio), Lindau, Marchand, Massé (ex-officio), Mocan, Ortner, Page, and Pojman. Absent members were Chance, Eades, Euba, Matthews, McKillop, and Spivey.

Minutes of September 25, 2015

The minutes from September 25, 2015 were motioned for approval by Day, seconded by Kelso, and the motion was carried.

Dean's Report

- **Dean's Representatives:** Being a dean's representative is a basic responsibility for graduate faculty. A dean's representative serves from the time of the student's general exam through the dissertation defense. The dean's representative represents the Graduate School Dean and verifies that the exam represents the university and integrity of the academic process. The dean representatives should ensure there is no conflict and verifies what went on during the student's exam. The dean's representative is not required to know about the student's research topic. Currently over 70 dean's representatives are needed in the next eight weeks. Typically between eight and ten faculty members are asked to serve for each exam. In emergency situations were a dean's representative was not found the general exam was allowed to proceed without a dean's representative. It is unfair to penalize the student if a dean's representative is not assigned to the general exam. Recently the Graduate Council discussed assigning a dean's representative at the beginning of a student's enrollment which led to the faculty not happy with this process since it is more time consuming. The dean's representative service requires a two hour time commitment. In the General Catalog, the wording is confusing as to what point the dean's representative will be assigned. In one section it states before exams and the other section states at the time of the general exam. The Deans and Associate Deans will be sent the Graduate School database for all graduate faculty in their college who have recently served. The Graduate Council determined that the department chair and dean should be copied on the requests and replies to faculty members asking the faculty member to serve as a dean's representative. The Graduate Council will discuss at a future meeting the role and responsibilities of a dean's representative.

- **Radius:** Radius is up running with applications available through the summer. Faculty members are asked to contact Massé if any troubles arise.

- **Restructuring:** Human Resources is meeting with the Graduate School Staff. The Assistant Dean advertisement is posted. The Associate Dean and Program Officer advertisements will be posted soon.

Academic Affairs Report

- **Shorelight:** LSU Global partnered with Shorelight Education to recruit students with diverse interests, diverse cultures, and students from underrepresented countries. These students will be admitted as undergraduate students for an accelerated master's program. This partnership will assist with increasing graduate enrollment. The diverse population will give local students exposure to international cultures. The students will be in non-thesis programs and will pay full

tuition. Students will learn about socialization and cultural differences at LSU. Once the student passes these classes, the student will be transferred as a fulltime graduate student to the university. In the fall, there were 50 undergraduate students accepted in the first cohort. Another cohort will begin in the spring semester.

Chairs Report

- Economic Development Assistantships: A call for EDA proposals was sent out with a November 13th noon deadline.
- Dissertation Fellowships: A call for nominations was sent with an October 1st deadline.

Old Business

- Plant, Environmental, and Soil Sciences Master's Program: The school requested at least three hours of thesis be allowed to count towards the half of the coursework of 7000 or above requirement. The Graduate Council discussed that this is a current policy; however, it should be reviewed at a future meeting. Based on the current policies, Pojman motion to approve, Day seconded, and the motion was passed.
- Plant, Environmental, and Soil Sciences Doctoral Program: The school requested a change in the number of required hours. Currently the school requires 51 hours of coursework and 9 hours of dissertation for a combined 60 hours. The school proposed changing the required hours to 45 hours of coursework and 15 hours of dissertation hours for a combined total of 60 hours. The changes are designed to allow students, their major professors, and their committees more flexibility in designing a program of study. Pojman moved to approve, Marchand seconded, 3 opposed, and the motion was carried.

New Business

Executive Session

Standing Committee Reports

Promotion and Tenure Committee: No report.

Graduate Faculty: No report.

Awards Committee: No report.

The meeting adjourned at 4:02pm.

Recorded by:



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Approved by:



Michelle Massé, Dean Graduate School