

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Graduate Council Minutes
November 10, 2005

Members Present: R. Briley, S. Davidson, J. Dumas, D. Edwards, E. Foster, B. O’Leary, V. Petzko, John Tucker, J. Wilferth

Members Absent: N. Alp, V. Bumphus, D. Halstead, L. Harris, G. Heath, T. Lease, M. Long, C. Smith, Jim Tucker, K. Turner,

Ex-Officio Members Present: C. Arender, D. Arfken, S. Bellar, Y. Kilpatrick, T. Liedtka, Y. Kilpatrick

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Second Reading: Graduate Council Purpose and Membership: Passed Unanimously

First Reading: Revision of Criteria for Graduate Faculty Membership: 7-0-1

I. Call to Order, Introductions and Approval of the Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. The minutes were approved unanimously.

II. Second Reading: Graduate Council Purpose and Membership

This proposal was presented for 2nd reading. Changes discussed previously included the number of representatives and the length of a representative’s term of service. After a discussion regarding choice of words (maintain, uphold, ensure), Dr. Petzko offered an amendment to add the following statement: The Graduate Council determines criteria for graduate faculty membership and reviews and upholds academic standards as they pertain to graduate faculty status.

Dr. Petzko moved to accept the proposal with the amendment on the second reading, Dr. Edwards seconded the motion. The proposal passed on second reading, unanimously.

III. First Reading: Revision of Criteria for Graduate Faculty Membership

On the first reading, Dr. Petzko moved and _____ seconded a motion to accept the draft with the following amendments:

- A. Add “full membership - doctoral” and “full membership - masters” to the list of categories.
- A.2. & 3. Add the words “and dissertations” after the word “thesis committees” and “theses.” Add the word “all” to “do not meet [all] the criteria for full membership.”
- B.1 Delete the “b” paragraph.

B.3. Add “scholarly activities” to the list.

There was much discussion regarding the appeal process mentioned in C.1a and C.3. It was decided that one of three options would be decided on:

- 1) No appeal at all
- 2) Appeal to the Provost; approved by the Dean of The Graduate School
- 3) Leave as is but appeal goes to Chancellor

Dr. Arfken is going to speak to the Provost about the options.

The motion passed on first reading, with amendments, 7-0-1.

V. Other Business

Dr. Arfken announced that the Grade Appeals proposal was approved by Faculty Senate.

Dr. Dumas mentioned the possibility of needing one more meeting this semester. Possible dates discussed were Tuesday, November 29 or Tuesday, December 6.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Pier, CPS

(With much help from Dr. Deborah Arfken and Ms. Yvonne Kilpatrick)

Executive Secretary

The Graduate School