

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Graduate Council Minutes
February 24, 2005

Members Present: N. Alp, G. Bartoo, R. Briley, V. Bumphus, J. Dumas, D. Edwards, E. Foster, D. Halstead, S. Kuhn, E. Meagher, J. Mies, B. O'Leary, R. St. Goar, J. Secret for J. Wakim, J. Tucker, K. Turner

Members Absent: N. Fell, T. Lease, V. Petzko, G. Thibadoux

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

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Guests: G. Bosworth, J. Kizza

1. Second Reading: CPSC Reorganization of curriculum: 15-0-0
2. Second Reading: Doctoral Faculty Status: 13-1-0
3. Graduate Faculty Appointments:
 - a. Approve nominees that have no questions, and the ones that are questioned, get support for department: 0-9-4
 - b. Send full list back to committee for resolution: 13-0-0

I. Call to Order and Approval of the Minutes

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

II. Second Reading: Reorganization of Computer Science Curriculum

Dr. Bartoo stated that the proposal had been broken down into three parts. The first two parts passed on first reading during the last meeting, but the third part had not. Dr. Bartoo asked if the Council could look at the proposal as a package this time and have both a first and second reading for the internship class.

Dr. Dumas opened the floor for questions regarding the internship class. Dr. Alp asked how students will meet the 150 hour work requirement in the summer since the terms are shorter. Dr. Dumas replied that it is possible for the students to either register in the first term and then have an incomplete on their record until the hours are complete, or they could start the actual internship work earlier than they're registered for the course.

Dr. Foster moved to accept the internship class on the first reading. Dr. Kuhn seconded the motion. The motion passed, 15-0-0

Dr. Bartoo then asked for a vote on the proposal as a whole. Dr. Kuhn moved to accept the proposal. Dr. Dumas seconded the motion. The motion passed on the second reading, 15-0-0.

III. Second Reading: Doctoral Faculty Status

Dr. Bartoo asked why there is no appeal process for Graduate Faculty membership if a recommendation of the Graduate Council is denied. He said there were quite a few that

were recommended by Graduate Council that were denied by the provost and the Graduate School dean.

Dr. Arfken said that out of 39 graduate faculty applications, there were changes to 13 of them.

Dr. Halstead asked what the changes were, if they were process or criteria changes.

Dr. Arfken said the provost read every application thoroughly and looked at whether or not they should be chairing thesis committees.

Dr. Bartoo said that the Graduate Council also read the applications and had made a recommendation. He understood the provost could challenge, but does he make the final decision?

Dr. Bellar said that Graduate Council does not look at applications. The sub-committee looks at the applications and submits recommendations to Graduate Council. She said that the sub-committee has a hard time because the dean and the chair of the departments signed off on some weak candidates, so the committee made some recommendations with reservations.

Dr. Halstead wanted to know why the sub-committee made recommendations when they had reservations about the faculty. She said there should have been a strict decision made.

Dr. Briley stated that defining new criteria for graduate faculty membership should be a separate issue from approving the doctoral faculty status. He mentioned that the Policies and Procedures were passed through Faculty Senate, but the last page did not make it through because it needed some adjustments to the language.

Dr. Tucker said he would not want to hold up the doctoral policies, but would like to see clearer criteria for graduate faculty membership. He's not sure how the provost can make a decision without department input.

Dr. Kuhn reiterated that Graduate Council was only voting on the changes, not voting on the existing document.

Dr. Dumas moved to accept the proposed doctoral faculty status document. Dr. Kuhn seconded the motion. The motion passed on the second reading, 13-1-0.

IV. Graduate Faculty Appointments

Dr. Bellar passed out the list of graduate faculty recommendations.

There were questions concerning why Graduate Council needs to approve the list and how they're to approve it without seeing any of the applications or having any information to back up the recommendations.

Dr. Foster made a motion that Graduate Council approve the names of faculty for whom there are no questions. The ones for whom the sub-committee has questions should be sent back to the departments to get support. Dr. Kuhn seconded the motion. The motion failed, 0-9-4.

Dr. Dumas moved to give full list back to the sub-committee for resolution of the questions. Dr. Kuhn seconded the motion. The motion passed, 13-0-0.

VII. Other Business; Adjournment

It was decided the remaining agenda items would be presented at the next Graduate Council meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Graduate School