

**Minutes  
Graduate Council  
December 3, 2009**

**Members Present:** Neslihan Alp, Roger Briley, Tom Bugghey, Stephen Craven, John Freeman, Kristi Gibbs, Diane Halstead, George Helton, Gale Iles, Virginia Magnus, Jonathan Mies, Brian O’Leary, Vicki Petzko, Gene Schlereth, Joyce Smith, Greg Thibadoux, Dana Wertenberger

**Members Absent:** Nicholas Boér, Monte Coulter, David Edwards, Mike Owens, Joey Shaw, Randy Walker, Li Yang

**Ex-officio Members Present:** Stephanie Bellar, Joe Dumas, Yvonne Kilpatrick

**Ex-officio Members Absent:** Theresa Liedtka, Raven Worthy

**Guests:** Linda Orth, Clint Smullen

**Summary of Actions**

- 1) **Passed first reading of “Deadline of Submission of Paragraph 4 Request”; 16-0-0.**
- 2) **Graduate Faculty Recommendations; passed 16-0-0.**

**Opening:** Vicki Petzko called the meeting to order and welcomed Clint Smullen, Director of Academic and Research Computing Services. The minutes were approved with minor corrections.

**Graduate tuition for undergraduate courses:** Dr. Clint Smullen gave background and addressed questions regarding Banner, the new student information software that is currently being implemented at UTC. In his presentation, he stated the current Legacy system was obsolete and that parts had to be salvaged from other machines. He said the move to Banner was a decision of the Board of Trustees and that the UT system and all Tennessee Board of Regents schools will be using the same system. He stated that modifications are initially expensive and in the long term run costs higher when upgrading because of the required “work-a-rounds.” He continued that the Banner system has broader capabilities and that the “Admission” portion of the implementation that went “live” on October 1 had a relatively smooth transition. He said in Banner students would register through the Web-site beginning this spring and when fully implemented, all types of student services (i.e. housing, food services, parking, etc.) will be available on the web.

Several members of the Council voiced their concern regarding the increased financial burden that graduate students taking undergraduate courses will bear when Banner compels the fee structure change based on student classification rather than course classification. Remedies for the issue included possible scholarships and refunding and it was asked that it be placed on a future agenda for discussion. Yvonne Kilpatrick said that UT Knoxville uses the student classification fee structure and reminded the Council the importance of good advisement. She finished by saying that after the initial reaction, students will adapt and that they could possibly benefit by taking graduate courses while still classified as undergraduate.

Linda Orth added that once we get past the first semester she believes people will be very happy with the flexibility and the opportunity that Banner offers to retrieve and review information. Dr. Smullen said that “just in time” training will be offered in February or March and said that it was important to avoid rumors, if anyone has questions, please call the Banner office.

DNP Proposal: Vicki Petzko announced that the Doctor of Nursing Practice proposal had been put on the fast track and would be coming through. In order to make the proposal available for review, it was decided to post it on the Graduate Council's Web site and to e-mail the URL to the Council.

Deadline of Submission of Paragraph 4 Requests: Yvonne Kilpatrick distributed a handout with proposed catalog language that created a submission deadline in the process for "Paragraph 4," the procedure that enables out-of-state students employed in Tennessee to receive in-state tuition rates. After a discussion, Gene Schlereth motioned to accept the proposed language, effective fall 2010, which Diane Halstead seconded. The motion passed the first reading by a vote of 16-0-0.

Graduate Faculty Committee: Joe Dumas presented the recommendations from the committee for the graduate faculty applications that had been received. The recommendations were approved as submitted by a vote of 16-0-0.

No other business was before the Council and the meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Uhles, CPS  
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