

Mississippi State University
Graduate Council
1999-2000

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Present: John Boyle, Chair; S. Bridges, M. Burnham, A. Friend, L. Hanson, R. Harkess, T. Kohers, J. Miller, D. Monts, L. Reinschmiedt, L. Cummings for M. Thorne, K. Anderson, F. Coleman, D. Wolfe for J. Inmon, S. Miller, W. Person, G. Rent, C. Sides, M. Groner for C. Taylor, D. Welch, J. Wesley.

Absent: L. Crumpton, R. Patterson, J. Sumrall, N. Youan, B. Altenkirch.

Dr. John Boyle called the Council to order at 1:30 and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves. Due to a conflict the meeting was moved to the 4th floor of Mitchell Memorial Library. Unless notified all other meetings will be held in 611 Allen Hall.

The minutes of the May meeting were presented. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to adopt the minutes.

A Graduate Council phone, email, and mail stop list was distributed for updating. Also, a meeting schedule for the 1999-2000 academic year was distributed.

Dr. Boyle announced that UCCC course modifications and deletions would no longer be routed through the Graduate Council with one exception being Program Proposals. Two outstanding items held over from a previous meeting were:

- 1). Modify EC8523 Development of Economic Thought to EC8523 History of Economic Thought. Corrected materials have been sent in to change the title for EC8523 to Seminar in the History of Economic Thought.
- 2). Add EC4523/6523 History of Economic Thought. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve these proposals.

Dr. Person reported that the Teaching Assistant Workshop held in August was the largest ever with 131 students attending the International Workshop August 9-13 and 212 students attending the regular portion of the workshop held August 16-17, 1999.

The New Graduate Student Orientation that hosted 199 students was held in Simrall Auditorium on August 18, 1999. Activities included 11 speakers from various campus departments, small discussion groups led by Graduate Student Association members, and a tour of the campus.

A new Tuition Remission form was presented to the Council, already having been approved by Don Zant, University of Internal Auditor.

The Graduate Assistant Handbook is in the process of being revised. This should be accomplished by the end of September 1999. Old copies are still available.

On the 1999-2000 enrollment status, Dr. Person reported that on the third day of registration there

were 625 new graduate students compared to 574 new graduate students last year. However, there were 1873 returning graduate students last year compared to the 1803 returning graduate students registered on the third day of this year.

It was announced that the scheduled meeting times would remain at 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Dale Welch announced that the Theses and Dissertation submission process has been transferred to the Library. Mrs. Coleman reported that the transition was running smoothly. A lengthy discussion ensued over where the responsibility lies in maintaining quality for Theses and Dissertations. This discussion will continue at a later date.

Matthew Burnham, GSA President, gave a report on upcoming GSA activities and the GSA office in room 222 Critz Hall.

A handout was distributed entitled "Koher's Committee Items For Discussion". Dr. Boyle added 2 more items to this list, but due to the amount of time needed for each item, it was agreed that sub-committees should be formed to consider sections of this list to present to a full Graduate Council meeting. Dr. Boyle will divide the list and email the council on distribution of items.

Dr. Rent brought up the subject of electronic applications for admission to MSU Graduate Studies. This type of program would take MSU up to one year to write. However, there is an application on the web called Peterson's Advantage that is being considered for use by Mississippi State University.

Dr. Boyle asked the Council for input on the subject of appointing a vice chair for the Graduate Council in case of his absence. The Council elected Dr. Susan Bridges by acclamation with the promise that Dr. Boyle will discuss the matter with Dr. Bridges to determine whether she will accept the responsibility.

The Council adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

