

Graduate Council Minutes
Mississippi State University
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PRESENT: John Boyle, Chair; L. Hanson; D. Hare; R. Harkess; T. Hosie; J. Miller; K. Paul; W. Person; Albert J. Allen for L. Reinschmiedt; G. Rent; M. Rybolt for C. Weaver; S. Schoenholtz; C. Sides; D. Welch; J. Wesley.

ABSENT: R. Altenkirch, F. Coleman, B. Spencer, C. Taylor, G. Dunaway S. Bullington, M. Thorne, D. Wolfe for J. Inmon, R. Jenkins, T. Kohers,

GUESTS: E. Milam, R. Shivaji

1. Dr. John Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. in room 611 Allen Hall.
2. Dr. Boyle introduced the new members of the Graduate Council, Dr. Ratnasingham Shivaji and Dr. Edward Milam. Dr. Boyle provided a copy of the Council's voting procedures for the new members.
3. Dr. Boyle presented the minutes for the Graduate Council meeting held on April 27, 2001. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes.
4. Dr. Boyle stated that the program modification of the Master's and Specialist's degrees in Educational Leadership will be tabled until the fall.
5. The second item from the UCCC to consider was a modification of the Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Economics from the College of Business and Industry. The Council had already seen this proposal from the Agricultural Economics Department. According to the February 23rd minutes, the two components are a paired program, so the Agricultural Economics portion was tabled until the College of Business and Industry portion came forward. The program is not housed in a particular department, but there is a coordinating committee and Dr. Stan Spurlock is the graduate coordinator. A motion was made and seconded to accept the modification pending the approval of the courses. The motion carried with all in favor.
6. Dr. William A. Person announced that the Office of Graduate Studies has begun planning for the MSU Summer Graduate Bridge Program. Dr. Person provided the Council with brochures, which outline the details of the program. During the second session of summer school, twenty students will take one graduate course in their program, and in the afternoon,

they will be participating in a writing and oral communication workshop. Through the Bridge Program they will also be participating in mentoring activities, networking and other related activities. The Office of Graduate Studies has received approval to hire a temporary staff person to help carry out the details of the program.

Dr. Person distributed a document that explains the new tuition remission amounts. The tuition remission, for summer terms, will be the same as last year. The amount that students will have exempted from their instate tuition and fees figure, in the fall, will increase slightly to 71% for in state or \$1,266.90. Each graduate assistant, in state or out of state, will have to pay \$526.10 per semester for their fees. Per hour assessment is included in the information.

Dr. Person stated that graduation ceremonies went very well. There were a total of 42 of 44 doctoral graduates attending the ceremony. We had 102 doctoral graduates for the 00-01 year. Ms. Dale Welch is working through the degree audit and that process is going well.

A transitional meeting will be held for the Officers of the GSA. The new officers will attend with the outgoing officers.

The voting results for chair and vice chair of the graduate council were not reported as the election remains open until 5 p.m. on June 8, 2001.

7. As an item of new business, the new members requested a listing of the Council members for the upcoming year and their contact information. Dr. Boyle agreed to send this to them and also a summary of the Council's activities for the past year.
8. The Council requested that in the future, as a matter of routine business, the contact person and the departmental/college chair for each UCCC program proposal be invited to attend the meeting in which the Council will consider their proposal.
9. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 P.M.