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Graduate Council – Minutes

East Tennessee State University

February 25, 2008 1:15pm

President's Conference Room – Dossett Hall

Attendees: Dr. David A. Arnall, Dr. Jeffrey P. Beck, Ms. Queen Brown, Dr. Stacy Brown, Dr. Scott W. Champney, Dr. Wallace E. Dixon, Dr. F. Wayne Gillespie, Dr. Helene K. Halvorson, Dr. Donald B. Hoover, Ms. LaDonna Hutchinson, Ms. Billie Lancaster, Dr. Cecilia A. McIntosh, Dr. Martha M. Pointer, Ms. Jenny Reed, Dr. Robert E. Sawyer, Dr. Phillip R. Scheurman, Dr. Marie Tedesco, Dr. Paul Trogen

Absent: Ms. Maria D. Costa, Dr. Mark E. Ellis, Dr. Jo-Ann S. Marrs, Dr. Jasmine Renner, Ms. Chantelle Vernon, Ms. Mary Ellen Musick

- **Approval of January Minutes – The minutes approved with no corrections.**

- **Curriculum Sub-Committee – Dr. Martha Pointer**

- **Non-Substantive Curriculum Change for the Master of Arts in Art History.**

The introduction of the new rubric ARTH for the Art History concentration in the Master of Arts, the curriculum needs to reflect the new research methods course and the new thesis course for the concentration. ***The subcommittee recommends approval with the editorial changes***

Action taken by council: approved with recommended changes

- **New Course Proposal for ARTH 5950, Research Methods for Art History.**

The new course will meet the research methods needs of the students who have a concentration in Art History. ***The subcommittee recommends approval with the editorial changes***

Action taken by council: approved with recommended changes

- **New Course Proposal for CUI 5400, Seminar in Classroom Management.**

The new course is part of the curriculum change addressed last month, and the course is to be taken concurrently with CUI 5580, Enhanced Student Teaching. ***The subcommittee recommends approval with the editorial changes***

Action taken by council: approved with recommended changes

- **Graduate Faculty Sub-Committee – Dr. Marie Tedesco**

The graduate faculty subcommittee met on Feb. 5, 2008 and recommends approval of the following new applications for graduate faculty status:

Applicant Dept. Recommended

1. Dyer, Susan English Interim
2. Gregg, Chris E. Geosciences Full
3. Hagelberg, Frank Physics, Astron. & Geology Full
4. Hale, Kimberly D. Early Childhood Associate
5. Morefield, John English Interim

Action taken by council: Approved

The graduate faculty subcommittee met on Feb 5, 2008 and recommends approval of the following re-applications for graduate faculty status:

Applicant Dept. Current Status Recommended

1. Al-Imad, Leila History Associate returned for more information
2. Davis, Thomas Jason KLSS Associate Associate
3. Fethke, Nathan ENVH Temporary Associate
4. Grissett, Barbara Social Work Associate Associate
5. Green, Joe Keith Philosophy Associate Full
6. Mink, Patricia Art & Design Associate Full
7. Pyles, Rebecca BIOL Associate Full
8. Renner, Jasmine ELPA Associate Full
9. Slatton, Ralph Art & Design Full Full
10. Stanley, Isabel English Associate Associate

Please note that two applications (William Hemphill and Marty Fitzgerald), both from Technology and Geomatics, have been returned to the department chair for graduate coordinator's signature and for additional information.

Action taken by council: Approved

• **Distribution of List of Research Grant Awardees – Dr. Wayne Gillespie**

Dr. Gillespie previously e-mailed the list of Research Grant Awardees and also handed out a paper copy. A record number of proposals were received and Dean McIntosh had funded sixteen.

**ETSU School of Graduate Studies and
ETSU Graduate Council Research Grant
Recipients, 2008**

Student Name	Degree Program	Topic/Advisor
Chase Beck	Biology; Paleobotany	Fossil analysis on the Cumberland Plateau; Dr. Mike Zavada
Grant Boardman	Biology; Paleontology	Characterizing vertebral variation in mole salamanders; Dr. Blaine Shubert
Keila Bredehoeft	Biology; Paleontology	Landmark and linear morphometrics of the Pleistocene, <i>Cryptobranchus guildayi</i> ; Dr. Blaine Shubert
Patricia Cross	Biology; Microbiology	Expression of the Ca ²⁺ -selective cation channels TRPV5 and TRPV6 in human breast cancer; Dr. Allan Forsman
Jala Daniel	Biomed; Physiology	Determining secondary product glucosyltransferase expression during <i>Citrus</i> <i>paradisi</i> growth and development; Dr. Cecilia McIntosh
Alexander Eddo	Biology	Characterization of the pathways leading to synthesis of salicylic acid in plants resisting pathogen infection; Dr. Dhirendra Kumar

Puja Karki	Biology	Cloning and identifying the diapause-regulated candidate genes of the flesh fly, <i>Sarcophaga crassipalpis</i> ; Dr. Karl Joplin
Abigail Mabe	Biomed; Pharmacology	Diabetes-induced parasympathetic remodeling mediates chronotropic dysfunction; Dr. Donald Hoover
Tammy Mercure	Art & Design; Studio Arts	The Blue Ridge: Photographs of Appalachian Tourism; Mike Smith
Heather Sharp	Engineering Technology	Examining critical health inspection violations; Dr. Andrew Clark
Rebecca Steagall	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	HSPA12B interacts with and down-regulates AKAP12, an angiogenesis inhibitor; Dr. Zhihua Han
Jeremy Stout	Biology; Paleontology	Cranial Morphology and Systematics of Late Pliocene <i>Alligator</i> from the Haile 7G Site of Florida; Dr. Blaine Shubert
Tess Svoboda	Clinical Nutrition	Use of omega-3 fatty acids to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease in Hispanic type 2 diabetes in Northeast Tennessee; Elizabeth Lowe
Jing Ru Sun	Biomed; Microbiology	The host adherens junction molecule nectin-1 is down-regulated in <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> -infected genital epithelial cells; Dr. Robert Schoborg
Liang Wang	Public Health; Epidemiology	An epidemiological study of maternal depression in East Tennessee; Dr. Tiejian Wu
Stacie Woolard	Biomed; Microbiology	In vivo projects implicating TRAIL-mediated NK cell antigen presentation in

Herpes

Simplex viral infection; Dr. Uday
Kumaraguru

- **Old Business**

- **Graduate Student Teaching Award update – Dr. Wayne Gillespie**

Dr. Gillespie is in the process of forming a subcommittee to evaluate the new Excellence in Teaching Award and handed out a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

- **Update on Outstanding Dissertation, Thesis, and Capstone Project Award – Dr. Wayne Gillespie**

Deadline for submission of nominations is March 15. Dr. Gillespie asked for volunteers to chair the selection committees and a sign-up sheet was circulated.

- **Continued Discussion of Graduate Faculty Policy – Dr. Marie Tedesco**

The graduate council members discussed the criteria for appointment and reappointment of graduate faculty. The ETSU guidelines for graduate faculty appointment were handed out to the council members for review. The temporary and interim criteria are not an issue. The criteria and title of the associate and full categories were discussed. Each council member weighed in with questions and responses to the questions regarding these criteria. After much discussion, it was decided to allow the ad hoc committee to continue gathering information and to place this on the agenda for a meeting in the near future.

- **New Business**

A general discussion was held on pros and cons of commercial application services used by professional programs (e.g., M.D., Pharm.D) and potential use by some graduate programs. Discussion of issues such as cost, work flow, satisfaction of SACS requirements on documentation, and other mechanistic questions. Dr. Arnall and Dr. Dixon were going to try to get more information on options. Dr. McIntosh suggested the graduate dean listserv option may be useful. Further discussion will take place as information becomes available.

- **Other**

No other council business was discussed.

- **Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.**