

Graduate Council Minutes
April 12, 2007

The Graduate Council met in Bond Hall room 295 on this date. Dr. H. Carter chaired this meeting. Members in attendance were Dr. Dena Garner, Dr. Ray Jones, Dr. Mark Bebensee, Dr. Kathy Grenier, Dr. Kathy Richardson-Jones, Dr. Robert Steed, Dr. George Williams, Dr. Dan Ouzts, Dr. Kerry Lassiter, Dr. Will Johnson, and Dr. Paul Rosenblum. Ex-officio members in attendance were Dr. Tom Thompson, Ms. Marcia Bonica, and Ms. Sylvia Nesmith.

The minutes of March 15, 2007 were approved without objection.

Dr. Robert Steed presented the first agenda item regarding a proposal for a new criminal justice course. Criminal Justice 567, International Crime, would address transnational crime, criminals, and criminal organizations in a global context. Dr. Williams motioned for the acceptance of these changes and the motion passed without objection.

Dr. Kathy Richardson-Jones presented the next agenda item regarding an addition to the admission requirements for the Master of Arts in Teaching degree to be effective in the 2007-2008 CGPS catalog. Applicants will be expected to have a cumulative undergraduate GPR of 2.500 or higher. Applicants with less than a 2.500 GPR may appeal to the Admission, Retention, and Certification Committee. The Committee's recommendation regarding this appeal will be forwarded to the Dean of Education for final action. Dr. Richardson-Jones explained that this change is part of the preparation by the School of Education for the follow-up NCATE visit scheduled for next fall (September 30 through October 2, 2007). This visit will focus on Standard I (documentation of compliance with standards for the initial level) and on Standard II (a viable and sustainable assessment system for ensuring candidate success and continuous program approval). The change in admission criteria is an important component of the efforts to demonstrate compliance with both Standards I and II. Dr. Kathy Richardson-Jones motioned for the acceptance of these changes and the motion passed without objection.

Dr. Ray Jones talked briefly about the 2007-2008 CGPS catalog being initially available online and on a compact disk. Next, Ms. Marcia Bonica announced the importance of alerting graduating students of awards prior to the deadline for participating in the CGPS commencement ceremony to ensure the students order appropriate regalia. Finally, Dr. Williams talked briefly about the graduation celebration scheduled for April 19th at the Citadel beach house for CGPS students.

The next Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.