

## Graduate Council Minutes

Minutes for 12/08/2011

Council Members Present: Drs. C. Etheridge, S. Seidel, L. Cifuentes, E. Layman, P. Olenick, R. Balkin, S. Garrett, M. Oliver. V. Wheelless, and C. Valadez

1. Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2011

Motion to approve the minutes as presented

Moved: Eve Layman

Second: Patricia Olenick

Motion carried.

2. Committee Reports

a. Curriculum committee – Dr. C. Etheridge

Grant writing course, EDLD 6341 was approved

b. College of Business – Dr. Valadez

i. Addition of GMAT along with GRE for the Admissions Requirements

ii. An additional concentration in Finance requiring the completion of 12 hours of graduate finance electives was proposed for the MBA program. Two new courses FINA 5325 and FINA 5330 will be added pending approval of courses by Grad Council.

c. Graduate Faculty – Dr. Sherman

i. Submitted a matrix showing year and date Graduate Faculty were approved.

ii. 37 faculty have been approved for Graduate Faculty Status

iii. Discussion of the potential for conflict between the Texas A&M System's guidelines and the University's policy for graduate faculty.

iv. Retired faculty are granted one year grace in order to continue serving as graduate faculty for graduate committees.

d. Report on the Doctoral Program Working Committee – Dr. Virginia Wheelless

The Committee has been charged by the provost to review all things related to doctoral programs. The provost suggested one new program a year to reach 10 new doctoral programs by 2015.

e. Faculty Senate – Dr. Sherrye Garrett

Faculty Senate is looking at the reevaluation of summer pay for teaching summer school.

3. Matters Arising

- a. Dr. Cifuentes proposed that Graduate Council meet once a month except for the month prior to catalog copy.
  - b. Dr. Sherman suggested that the additions suggested to graduate faculty policy be discussed by the sub-committee prior to presenting it to the full Graduate Committee.
4. Adjournment – Dr. Sherman moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:25.