

**Graduate Council Minutes
October 21, 2005**

Present:

Council Members: Alspach, Decker, Montgomery, Henry, Hunger, Rouch, Whiteley

GPSGA:

Graduate College: Satterfield, Emslie

Guests:

Approval of September 16, 2005 Minutes:

Following a motion and a second, minutes from the September 16, 2005 meeting of the Council were approved as amended. There was a motion to approve (Decker) and second (Henry). Motion passed.

Graduate & Professional Student Government Association (GPSGA) Report – Shirley

Vincent

No Report.

New Business

None to report.

Rules Committee – Dale Alspach

Four requests were presented to the Council. After discussion, motions and seconds were made to support all the recommendations as made by the Rules Committee. Motions were all approved.

Graduate College Report – Gordon Emslie

Pending approval Dr. Craig Satterfield will be the new Assistant Dean of Student Academic Services. The Graduate College also has a new recruitment specialist Jennifer Smith and Admissions Receptionist, Kristi Partin.

Old Business

Bylaws and Upcoming Faculty Vote

- Of the groups that have currently met there were only a few concerns regarding graduate faculty membership. These issues will be addressed and changes will be made to the by-law draft.
- It was determined that Groups bylaws must be consistent with but can be more stringent than the Graduate Faculty bylaws.
- There will be a statement (I approve these new rules to become affective on January 1, 2006) on the ballot concerning when the new bylaws will go into affect.
- Add a statement on the website that there have been changes made to the bylaws document.

Graduate Deans List – Gordon Emslie

- GPSGA has been encouraging Dr. Emslie to push the issue of implementing a Graduate Deans List.
- Emslie would like input for criteria, which should be readily identifiable, for this process and like for it to be the top 5% of the graduate students.
- The Graduate College would host a small reception in the fall and spring semesters where a certificate would be presented to each student.

Formal Report – Gordon Emslie

After discussion there was a motion (Henry) and second (Alspach) to make the disposition of formal reports a departmental decision.

Emslie will invite Dr. McKeever to come address the issue of secret research dissertations.

There were some suggestions made to use different wording on the new graduation clearance form because the form is not being perceived as an estimation.

Meeting adjourned: 4:00 pm

Next meeting of the GC: November 18, 2005 in 241 Willard at 1:30p