Graduate Council Minutes
March 25, 2005

Present:
Council Members: Dale Alspach, Stephen Hallgren, Charlie Hendrix, Carolyn Henry, Robert Hunger, Edward Jones, Charlotte Ownby, Dennis Seager, Gary Young
GPSGA: Gina Causin
Graduate College: Gordon Emslie, Deb Jordan, Craig Satterfield and Sonia Brumfield
Guests: Barbara Walker and Bert Jacobson

Approval of February 18, 2005 Minutes
Following a motion by (Alspach) and a second (Hallgren), minutes from the February 18, 2005 meeting of the Council were approved.

Graduate and Professional Student Government Association Report – Gina Causin
- Finished selecting finalists for the Phoenix awards. There were four masters students, three doctoral students and three faculty chosen.
- The Phoenix awards ceremony is April 7 at 5:00 p.m. in 300 Student Union.

Membership Committee Report – Dr. Stephen Hallgren
- Membership nominations will be presented at the next meeting.

Bylaws Revisions
- Group Chairs were asked to provide input to the current draft of the revised bylaws.
- Group Chairs were asked to share the draft bylaws with members of their Graduate Faculty group and solicit input.
- Schedule is to present proposed bylaws to the general Graduate Faculty for a vote in Fall 2005. Between now and Fall 2005, input on the bylaws will be solicited from the groups. Group Chairs were challenged to review the bylaws and identify points that represent major potential “stumbling blocks” and changes that will make the bylaws more palatable for the faculty at large.

Request for Program Modification – M.S. in Teaching, Learning and Leadership
- After much discussion the Council still has concerns about changing an option name to such a large, all-encumbering name.
- No motion was made to approve this request, so no action was taken.
- Dr. Emslie will notify Dr. Hyle about the concerns of the GC.

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- After discussion there was a motion to approve this request (Ownby) with a second (Young). A friendly amendment was made to vote on both requests at once. Motion was approved with one opposition and one abstention.
Request for Program Modification – to suspend Ed.S. in Human Resources and Adult Education
• Council wanted more information regarding suspension of this program.
• There was a motion (Jones) and second (Ownby) to table this request until the April meeting. Motion approved.

Request for Program Modification – for Ph.D. in Educational Psychology
• Deleting options in Special Education and Student Personnel Development
• There was a motion (Ownby) and second (Henry) to approve request. Motion approved with two abstentions.

Rules Committee Report – Dale Alspach
• Six requests were presented to the GC. After discussion, there were motions and seconds to support the recommendations made by the Rules Committee. Motions approved.

Graduate College Report – Gordon Emslie
• Graduate Commencement is May 6; please plan to attend.
• The Bridge Program Proposal was approved by Instructional Council (IC) and will move to the Dean’s Council.
• IC is still in the process of discussing the removal of asterisks from undergraduate courses (which indicate approval for graduate credit) and cross listing of 4000-level courses with 5000-level graduate courses. However, IC did approve presenting this request to the Dean’s Council for discussion.

Proposal for a Unified Graduate Transcript at OSU
• There was discussion regarding concerns with having a combined graduate transcript. Currently a student can show an employer only his/her doctoral or masters GPA; under a unified transcript there would only be a single graduate GPA. In addition, there are potential issues about GPA entrance requirements for certain programs.
• There was general consensus that it would be fine to have a combined transcript if the masters and doctoral GPA’s could be separately tabulated.
• A formal recommendation on this topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Program Reviews
• Program reviews were distributed.
• Group Chairs were asked to solicit input and review from faculty in their Group.
• Sonia will schedule meetings to begin in late April between Group Chairs and Vice-Chairs, Dr. Gail Gates (Provost’s Office) and Dr. Emslie for discussion.

Graduate Research Excellence Awards
• GREA application deadline is April 1.

Meeting adjourned: 4:00pm

Next meeting of the GC: April 15, 2005 at 1:30p in 241 Willard