Graduate Council Minutes
April 20, 2012

Present:
Dr. William McGlynn, Group I
Dr. Deborah Jaworski, Group I
Dr. Allen Scott, Group II
Dr. Randi Eldevik, Group II
Dr. Shelia Kennison, Group IV
Dr. Tim Passmore, Group V
Dr. Don Boswell, Group V

Graduate College:
Dr. Sheryl Tucker
Dr. Jean Van Delinder
Dr. Craig Satterfield
Richard Shepard

Guests:
Jeremy Penn, University Testing
Gene Halleck, English Department

Dr. Allen Scott called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. without a quorum present. The March 16 minutes were not approved. By 1:50 p.m. there was a quorum present so Council business could proceed.

GPSGA report
Dr. Tucker gave the GPSGA report. The April 19 awards ceremony included the recognition and awarding of the Phoenix Awards, Graduate Excellence Awards, Women’s Faculty Award, Graduate Coordinator Award for Coordinator and Support Staff, and Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant. GPSGA have elected officers for 2012-2013 and the new president is Rachel Eike. Only one regular assembly meeting is left for the Spring Semester.

Graduate College Report
Dr. Tucker reported on the first annual Graduate Education week, April 16-20, which was combined with Graduate Student Appreciation Week. The GPSGA sponsored breakfast was the best attended event, even though other events had good RSVPs but small turnout. Next year the Graduate College will look into changing the date to an earlier time in the semester.

Changes to the Graduate Graduation ceremony include doctoral students being hooded by the advisor and their dean handing out the diploma cover. Tucker announced that a second set of gonfalons that will be available next year.

The Environmental Science option in environmental management has been awarded a PSM (Professional Science Masters) degree designation program by the Council of Graduate Schools. The PSM degree designation is the first one in the state of Oklahoma. In order for this degree designation to appear on a transcript, it will necessary for the program to submit
an option addition for final approval by the OSHRE. This degree option request will be reviewed by the Academic Program Committee at their meeting on May 11 followed by a review by the entire Graduate Council at their meeting on May 18.

Tucker reported that a Graduate Student Support task force has been formed to look at the GA/RA/TA designations for graduate students. There will be a draft of new definitions for comments to the May meeting. Draft recommendations will be pushed out regarding tuition waivers in degree programs to keep them tied to eligible courses.

**Old Business**

Dr. Scott updated the council on the Graduate Faculty Membership Bylaws Review Sub Committee. Scott handed out a list of items the committee will consider and the committee may require a change in bylaws. He anticipates the work will last a year. Hopefully the recommendations will be ready for the October Subject Group meetings.

**New Business**

Dr. Satterfield updated the Council on Residency Procedures as the Registrar wanted the policy brought to the Graduate Council for approval. After an audit of all universities and junior colleges four years ago by the OSHRE, OSU and several other colleges had to change their Policy and Procedures (P&P) document. Even though OSU has been following the OSHRE guidelines, there is no current Residency P&P on record. The following groups can request an out of state waiver: International students with a H-1B visa; military personnel stationed in Oklahoma; graduates from an Oklahoma high school; and, someone working in Oklahoma. Recommendation approved.

Jeremy Penn and Gene Halleck presented a revised ITA policy. The Versant will no longer be used as a screening test. Instead, the speaking score on the iBT and paper passed TOEFL will be used for placement.

There is an ITA Task force co-chaired by Christine Johnson and Glenn Brown to review the ITA screening process and enforcement of the ELI provisions. The Council suggested some minor language changes. The policy passed unanimously as amended. It is being sent on to Instruction Council.

Dr. Van Delinder updated the council on the meeting of the Membership Committee’s review of Graduate Faculty renewals and nominations. The actions of the Membership Committee were approved.

**Other**

Next Meeting May 18

Meeting adjourned 2:53 pm