

Armstrong Atlantic State University
School of Graduate Studies
Minutes of the Graduate Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2004

The Graduate Council met at 2:30 p.m. in University Hall Room 282. Those in attendance: Mike Price (chair), Jacquie Fraser, Christopher Hendricks, Trish Coberly, Dan Skidmore-Hess, Sergio DeAgnostino, Sabitra Brush, Joey Crosby, Ray Greenlaw, JoAnn Coleman, Sandy Streater, Maryellen Cosgrove, Kathy Bennett, Dave Lake, Marilyn Buck, Elwin Tilson, Evelyn Dandy, Barry Eckert, Ed Wheeler, and Nikki Palamiotis (visitor).

- I. The minutes from the February 10, 2004 meeting were approved.
- II. Standing Committee Reports:
 - A. Curriculum Committee – No report was made, as there were no items for review for the month of March.
 - B. Graduate Faculty Status and Activities Committee – Dan Skidmore-Hess, Chair, announced the approval of the following candidates for Graduate Faculty Status:
 - 1.) Frank DiMarino – Assistant (adjunct, part-time)
 - 2.) Yuxin Ma – Assistant (initial)
 - 3.) Rose M. Powell – Assistant
 - 4.) Olavi Arens – Full
 - 5.) Christopher Schuberth – Assistant
 - 6.) John Hobe – Associate
 - 7.) Mary-Anne Roth – Assistant (part-time)
 - 8.) George J. Davies – Full (initial)
- III. Report from the Graduate Student Coordinating Council – no representative present
- IV. Report from the Interim Executive Director:
 - a) Strategic Planning – Dr. Price discussed with the Council his plans for meeting with anyone who plays an administrative role with graduate programs, i.e. graduate coordinators, deans, assistant deans, and department heads
 - b) New Program Development – Dr. Price would like to work closely with the Council and faculty on the development of new programs.
 - c) Marketing and Recruitment – Dr. Price explained that he has been charged with the development of a marketing strategy for AASU's graduate programs and will welcome any suggestions from the Council.
 - d) Budget Concerns – Dr. Price is concerned about future of the graduate assistantship program. He would like for all departments who house a graduate assistantship to consider the following questions should the graduate assistantship program come under fire with the budget cuts:
 - How does the assistant benefit the educational experiences and goals of the student?
 - What role does this assistant play in your graduate program?
 - What role does the student play in your department?

V. Other:

- A suggestion was made that a grievance committee, policy, or procedure be created in the case that a student has a complaint to file that is not academic in nature, i.e. misadvisement
- Someone asked the question as to whether or not the current graduate catalog lists information pertaining to the ADA and disability services, this information is listed on page 10 of the current catalog, in the section labeled “Student Services and Organizations”
- A concern was raised regarding off-campus students who take classes within Chatham county having to pay on-campus fees
- Concerns were raised regarding the procedure of notifying faculty when their graduate status has lapsed – a suggestion was made to notify not only the faculty member, but also the department heads and deans
- The concerns and issues raised have prompted a closer look at the Graduate Faculty Bylaws – a report will be given at the next meeting

VI. The next Graduate Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 13, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Hansen
Coordinator of Graduate Faculty Activities