



**ARMSTRONG ATLANTIC  
STATE UNIVERSITY  
Graduate Faculty Meeting  
Minutes of April 27, 2005**

The Graduate Faculty met on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 in University Hall 156 at 1:30 pm. Dr. Michael Price, Interim Executive Director of Graduate Studies, presided. A complete listing of those in attendance is available in the School of Graduate Studies.

I. The minutes from the meeting of December 1, 2004 were approved as presented.

II. Reports of Standing Committees:

A. Graduate Council.....Dr. Michael Price

Bill Kelso was approved as a non-voting member of the Graduate Council. The objective was to restore the relationship between the Graduate Student Coordinating Council and the Graduate School.

The Graduate Council is working on tending to the needs of the graduate students. One thing that is being considered is using the Adult Back to School lounge as a resource area for graduate students as well, possibly staffed by graduate assistants who can answer questions specific to the graduate school experience.

The Graduate Council was charged this year with looking at retention and graduation rates. Accordingly, CIS has been asked to track students back to the semester conversion to see what the big picture looks like. The analysis of the data will be worked on this summer.

B. Graduate Curriculum Committee – .....Dr. Michael Price

The Graduate Curriculum Committee met four times. Two degree programs were approved: the Master of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, and the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction. In the spring, two tracks within MALPS were updated: International Studies, and Gender and Women's Studies. Currently work is being done to upgrade the Leadership track. Work is also being done to upgrade the Master's of Physical Therapy to a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

C. Graduate Faculty Status and Activities Committee ..... Daniel Skidmore-Hess

Thirty-four (34) applications were received for graduate faculty status. Twenty-two (22) were assistant professors, eight (8) were associate professors, and four (4)

were full professors. All were approved. There were twenty-two (22) reappointments.

D. Graduate Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee ..... John Kraft

The primary activity of the committee was the collection and submission of graduate student names to the Who's Who Among Students American Universities and Colleges publication. Nominations were solicited through announcements, emails, and a few phone calls. Five programs responded with names and a sixth declined to nominate anyone. There were three nominees in Health Services Administration, nine in Physical Therapy, six in Computer Science, one in Sports Medicine, and seven in Education

III. Approval of candidates for graduation

The list of candidates for graduate degrees to be awarded in Spring 2005 was presented and approved with amendments. Further amendments should be sent to Kim West.

IV. Vote for 2005 candidate for Graduate Council and Subcommittees

The Draft Nomination Slate for 2005-2006 was distributed and approved as amended. The amended slate is attached.

V. Report from the Graduate Student Coordinating Council

A representative from the Graduate Student Coordinating Council reported that they have funded some thesis work and associated travel. They have also sponsored some social events, including a low-country boil. On May 4 there will be an information session for the first graduate housing program. Thirty-three (33) beds have been set aside for graduate students and upperclassmen.

VI. Announcements

The new Graduate View Book will be out soon. Coordinators will be contacted by email to review the book.

The selection of a permanent director for the Graduate School has been put on hold until final budget approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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