

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**May 1, 2014**

The Graduate Council met at 8:00am in 129 Himes with the following members present: Armbrust, Byerly (ex officio), Chance, Day, Dow, Eades, Kelso, Marks, Matthews, McKillop, Nardo, and Reeve (ex officio). Absent members were Euba, Meng, Ortner, and Spivey.

**Minutes of March 20, 2014**

The minutes from March 20, 2014 were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Dr. Kelso, second by Dr. Day.

**Dean's Report**

Dow was recognized for her service on the Graduate Council from 2011-2014.

**Academic Affairs Report**

No report.

**Chairs Report**

No report.

**Routine Business**

**Subcommittee Reports**

**Graduate Council Membership**

Nardo discussed the Graduate Council membership report. Nardo, Eades, McKillop, and Byerly composed the subcommittee. The charge to the subcommittee was to review and comment on two recent resolutions from the Faculty Senate seeking to change the Graduate Council membership to that of an elected body.

The Graduate Council subcommittee recommends that the Council respond to the Faculty Senate's resolutions by adopting revisions to its by-laws based on the following framework:

- (1) The dean's advisory body of each college will advise the dean on recommendations for appointment to the Graduate Council. The mechanism for providing this advice will vary from college to college.
- (2) Each college will have, at least, one representative on the Graduate Council. The Vice Provost for Academic Programs, Planning, and Review will serve as an ex-officio member of the Graduate Council.
- (3) The three colleges that produce the largest number of graduate degrees will have two members.

(4) At the discretion of the Graduate Dean, members may be replaced for lack of participation in meetings of the Graduate Council and/or its subcommittees

(5) The Chair will be elected by the council members and the elected associate chair will become the chair the following year.

Specific revisions to the Graduate Council by-laws are delineated in a separate document, posted on the Graduate Council website. Kelso motioned to approve these revisions. Dow seconded and the motion was passed. The subcommittee will meet with Kevin Cope and send recommendations to Academic Affairs.

### Skype Exams

Kelso indicated that the current policy requires permission of the Graduate School Dean for a committee member to Skype in during a student's exam. The subcommittee will meet to develop guidelines that do not require permission but review by the Graduate School Dean. The subcommittee will report back to the council during the fall meetings.

## **Old Business**

### **New Business**

#### Graduate Minor in Wetland Sciences and Management

The Departments of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences and Environmental Sciences requested to add three courses to the graduate minor in Wetland Science and Management. This change will allow students additional courses to complete the minor in a timely manner. Nardo motioned to approve changes, Dow seconded, and the motion was approved.

#### Graduate Minor in Renewable Natural Resources

Renewable Natural Resources proposed changing the name of the four minors in Forestry, Wildlife, Fisheries, and Aquaculture to a minor in Renewable Natural Resources. The change would match the current degree title. The proposal was amended to remove the suggestion that the minor would be added to the thesis or dissertation title page. Day motioned to approve the amended changes, Matthews seconded, and the motion was approved.

## **Executive Session**

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Promotion and Tenure Committee:** No report.

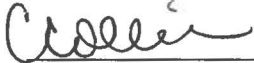
**Graduate Faculty:** Matthews presented the council with 75 graduate faculty nominations that needed council approval. The subcommittee recommended research affiliate or professional affiliate status for these nominations. The subcommittee has 27 remaining nominations to review; however, the committee has requested additional information from the departments due to lack of

information in the nomination packets. Matthews moved to approve, Nardo seconded, and all nominations were approved for affiliate status.

**Awards Committee:** No report.

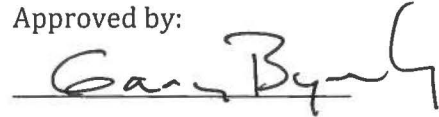
The meeting adjourned at 8:48a.m.

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Chantelle Collier, Assistant to the Dean

Approved by:

  
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Gary Byerly, Dean Graduate School