All actions taken by the Graduate Council will have a twenty-one (21) day faculty protest period except for new courses, course changes and petitions which will be considered approved by the Graduate Faculty if no written protest is received in the Graduate College within seven (7) days.

Present: Lee Williams, Janis Paul, Sally Beach, Dan Cottom, Brian Fiedler, Phillip Gutierrez, Joseph Havliceck, Robert Lipe, Nina Livesey, Rosalee Maffitt, David Moxley, Vassilios Sikavitsas, Paul Spicer

Absent: William Ray, John Baur, Anthony Cricchio, Priscilla Griffith, Michael Kent, James Maner, Irvin Wagner, Barry Weaver

Guests: Jane Bowers-Pippin, Lindsey Johnston, John Schandt

Description of General Business
- The minutes from December 4, 2012 were approved.

Program Modifications
- The Petroleum Engineering B.S./Master of Business Administration accelerated program was approved by unanimous vote.
- The Organ M.M. program modification was approved by unanimous vote.
- The Voice M.M. program modification was approved by unanimous vote.

New Business
- The council discussed the Graduate College Tools of Research requirement. Dr. Lipe motioned to delete the requirement; Dr. Fiedler seconded. The motion will be put to a vote at the February Graduate Council meeting.

Discussion Items
- Lindsey Johnston and Dean Williams briefed the council on the Graduate College time to degree report.
- Dean Williams discussed the university’s initiative to examine the process by which theses and dissertations are submitted and accessed electronically.

Subcommittee Reports
- Dr. Griffith provided the following report on the December 10, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting:
  - The meeting scheduled for Jan. 14 was cancelled.
  - The faculty senate approved a resolution from the Faculty Welfare Committee that the Parking Office make available to faculty and staff single-use, one-day parking permits, available for purchase individually or up to ten at a time in advance. This resolution is to encourage faculty and staff who want to walk or bicycle to campus to be able to purchase one-day permits when there is a need for them to have a car on campus.
The faculty senate endorsed a resolution generated by the Staff Senate for same sex partnership family and medical leave eligibility.

Course Changes

The following course changes and proposals have been unanimously approved by the Graduate Council and will be forwarded to the Academic Programs Council for further approval after the seven (7) day protest period. Only brief information regarding approved changes follows; however, original course change proposals will be on file in the Graduate College through the seven-day protest period if you have questions or concerns about any of the following. Please contact the Graduate Council Secretary, Stephanie Powers, at 325-4706 if you wish to review any of these materials.

ACCT 6193. Change content.
EDAH 5613. Course addition.
EDAH 5623. Course addition.
EDAH 5663. Course addition.
EDAH 5673. Course addition.
EDAH 5693. Course addition.
ENT 5972. Course addition.
ENT 5982. Course addition.
ENT 5992. Course addition.
GIS 5343. Course addition.
METR 5343. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 5, 2013.

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