

**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**April 24, 2007**  
**Library Conference Room A**  
**3:00 p.m.**

Present: Provost David Ray; Dr. Vera Lang; Dr. Sue Martin; Ms. Kay Tepera; Dr. Robert Weih; Mr. Troy Morris; Dr. Peggy Doss; Ms. Donna Hunnicutt; Dr. Richard Kluender; Dr. Philip Tappe; Dr. Sayeed Mehmood; Dr. Debbie Bryant; Dr. Ranelle Eubanks. Reporter: Ms. Rita Hyatt.

Mr. Ray welcomed the Council to the meeting.

The Council approved the February 27, 2007, minutes by a vote of acclamation.

Provost Ray made the Council aware that Financial Aid is having problems with students classified as graduate students. To qualify for a student loan, these students must meet three criteria: be classified as a graduate student, be pursuing a graduate degree, and be taking graduate level classes. Dr. Bryant informed the Council that graduate students taking only undergraduate work are reclassified as post-bachelor students. Graduate students, who are only course takers, rather than pursuing a degree, are not eligible for a student loan. The issue is how to identify the students who are eligible for aid. Since both the School of Education and School of Forest Resources send a formal admittance letter to students who are accepted into a graduate program, a copy of each letter will be sent to the registrar's office in the future for coding purposes. For the students who are currently in progress, each School will forward a list to the registrar's office to get the student files up to date.

The Council discussed a statement in the Ad Hoc Recommendations (Academic Standards) regarding the comment that all graduate programs on campus should have a significant methodological component including research methods and statistical analysis. The requirements in both Education and Forestry Resources were discussed with the Council. The Council stated at this time appropriate standards are being met.

Mr. Ray thanked the Council members for their dedicated work to the Graduate Council and the University.

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.