

Graduate Faculty Minutes
April 21, 2009
Caucus Room
3:30 p.m.

Present: Provost David Ray; Dr. Albert Snow; Dr. Sue Martin; Dr. Peggy Doss; Dr. John Hunt; Dr. Rich Corby; Dr. Jamie Schuler; Dr. Todd Fearer; Dr. Alexander Felix-Locher; Dr. Sayeed Mehmood; Dr. Paul Francis. Reporter: Ms. Rita Hyatt.

Approval of the Graduate Faculty minutes for November 11, 2008.

Review of Graduate Council actions for the Spring 2009 semester. Actions included:

The Council met three times during the Spring semester:

01/27/2009

03/31/2009

04/21/2009

The Council discussed and approved the following proposals.

1. Modify SPED 5013 Advanced Teaching Methods for Persons with Disabilities for Grades P-4 by adding SPED 5113 Introduction to Teaching Persons with Disabilities of Grades P-4 as a prerequisite.
2. Modify Admission to the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) Program so that a minimum 2.70 GPA is required.
3. Modify EDUC 5086 Introduction to Teaching and Methods by removing the 8 hours of field-based experience.

The Council approved a Math and Sciences proposal to add BIOL 5XX4 and WLF 5XX4 Mammalogy.

The Council approved three student appeals.

The Council approved the following individual for Graduate Faculty membership:

Dr. Victor L. Ford

School of Forest Resources

Category III status

The teaching load for graduate faculty was discussed. The course load for full-time faculty teaching only graduate-level courses is 9 semester credit hours. The Executive Council will review the UAM Operating Procedure 420.1 (re: teaching load for faculty) to adjust the overload policy concerning teaching graduate-level courses.

The Council discussed concerns about policy and procedures for admission into graduate programs. Currently students can enroll in six hours of graduate classes without applying to a graduate program. The Council asked that the Registrar's office block students who attempt to enroll in more than 6 hours of graduate-level classes without being admitted into a graduate program. Additionally, the Change in Registration card for graduate students will be changed from green to purple and will require the signature of the Graduate Coordinator and Graduate Dean before processing by the Registrar's office.

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.