

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
April 1, 2015

The Graduate Council met at 12:30pm in 129 Himes with the following members present: Byerly (ex officio), Chance, Day, de Queiroz, Eades, Euba, Kelso, Lindau, Marks, Matthews, McKillop, Mocan, Ortner, Reeve (ex officio), and Taylor. Absent members were Gansle, Nardo, and Spivey.

Minutes of March 13, 2015

The minutes from March 13, 2015 were motioned for approval by Kelso, seconded by Taylor, and the motion was carried.

Dean's Report

Certificates: Board of Regents has approved six new graduate certificates for the LSU A&M campus -- 1) Behavior and Health; 2) Life Span Studies; 3) Econometrics; 4) Workforce Development; 5) Fisheries Management; and 6) Geographical Information Science. We may begin to market these programs once we have plans for offering the coursework and managing enrollments. The Workforce Development certificate will be delivered 100% online. Attached are notes for policy related to our certificates.

Academic Partnerships: LSU is examining the work done by Academic Partnerships, what parts might be done on campus, and rewriting bid specifications. We may end the contract and take on all of the AP duties with regard to our online degree programs.

Ag Center Faculty: We continue to make progress providing LSU AgrCtr faculty with LSU A&M graduate faculty status. Last spring we reached a compromise on how to handle this process (one involving several different bureaucracies, two HR departments, etc.). Two weeks ago all parties met again to adjust the process based on a number of bumps encountered over the past year.

Dissertation Year Fellowships: The GC Awards made final recommendations for Dissertation Year Fellowships. Twelve students will receive awards (this number continues to decline because we have to pay tuition and non-resident fees as well as stipend).

The 2014 Distinguished Dissertations:

JOSEPHINE A. ROBERTS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED
DISSERTATION AWARD IN ARTS, HUMANITIES, & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Monica Miller, "Lopsided, Scarred, and Squint-Eyed: Ugly Women in the Work of Southern Women Writers" She received her- PhD in English with a minor in Women's and Gender Studies from LSU in 2014 and now holds the Britain Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Her committee chair at LSU was Professor Brannon Costello.

LSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED DISSERTATION AWARD IN
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS

Devendra Pakhare, "Catalytic Active Site, Mechanistic and Kinetic Studies of Dry (CO₂) Reforming of Methane over Lanthanum Zirconate (La₂Zr₂O₇) Pyrochlores" At LSU he studied under the supervision of Professor James Spivey, receiving his PhD in Chemical Engineering in 2014. He is currently a staff scientist with Pyrochem Catalyst Company.

The Graduate Council is invited to attend the awards ceremony and reception: April 15, 2015 -- 2:30 p.m.
-- The Club at LSU Union Square

Academic Affairs Report

Law Center: Reeve reported that the LSU Law Center is officially part of the LSU campus. The Law Center is not accredited separately.

Certificates: Reeve described the process for certificates. The proposal should contain the correct CIP code, Reeve as the institutional contact, each section should be completed appropriately or returned to the department, and the course offerings should be listed. He asked the Graduate Council to assist with reviewing the proposals before voting and sending to Academic Affairs. A suggestion was made to make a cover page as a check list for departments which would be an internal document for the Graduate Council and Academic Affairs. The check list would include signatures of the department chairs and college deans and the faculty votes since these are often not included in the proposals. McKillop suggested a representative from each certificate to be present at the Graduate Council meeting to explain if questions arise.

Chairs Report

No report.

Old Business

Adding minors to the title page of theses and dissertations: The Graduate Council discussed if there is a significant advantage for the student by adding minors to the title pages. A minor is on the student's transcript. If approved, this would provide additional work for the Graduate School. The Graduate Council decided there was no formal motion and decided not to consider this request.

Policy on Certificates: Byerly and Reeve have drafted a policy on certificates which will be circulated to the council for comments. The policy will eventually be added to the General Catalog and the Graduate School website. Additional certificates will be sent to the Graduate Council for approval; therefore, there is a need for a formal policy of minimal standards of the Graduate School requirements. For example, proof of student's undergraduate degree, GRE requirement (this is up to the individual certificate programs), 3.0 undergraduate GPA, etc. The standards are set in order for students to succeed. Certificates will be evaluated like programs. Taylor noted that the certificate committees should be consistent and be defined for certificate programs.

Community Engagement Certificate: The certificate is targeted for administrators, non-profit organizations, those interacting or engaging with the community, students in social sciences departments or professional programs, and those in the non-profit/private sector. The departments involved with this certificate already have existing courses. No additional resources are necessary. There

are no similar programs in the state of Louisiana. Kelso motioned to approve, Day seconded the motion, 1 against, 1 abstain, and the motion was passed.

New Business

Accounting Name Change: The department has requested a name change from a Master of Science to a Master of Accountancy. Most universities have a master's in accounting with this name. Chance moved to approve, Lindau seconded, and the motion was carried.

Certificate in Analytics: Academic Affairs will ask the department for clarity on the proposal. Currently, LSU has a master's program in Business Analytics. Kelso motioned to approve, Chance seconded, and the motion was passed.

Executive Session

Standing Committee Reports


Promotion and Tenure Committee: No report.

Graduate Faculty: No report.

Awards Committee: No report.

The meeting adjourned at 1:43pm.

Recorded by:



Chantelle Collier, Assistant to the Dean

Approved by:



Gary Byerly, Dean Graduate School