

**COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES  
MINUTES**

**October 4, 2000**

(Approved by COGS November 8, 2000)

The committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) met at 1:30 p.m. on October 4, 2000, in the Sanford Hall conference room. Those in attendance were: Mr. Charles Beard, Dr. Ron Colley, Dr. Cita Cook, Dr. Tena Crews, Dr. Jack Charlesworth, Dr. Mary Edwards, Dr. Thomas Garcia, Dr. Tobin Hart (substitute for Dr. Chris Aanstoos), Dr. Bob Hilliard, Dr. Curtis Hollabaugh, Dr. Cynthia W. Jackson, Dr. Richard Larkin (substitute for Dr. Jerry Perkins), Dr. Deborah Lea-Fox, Dr. N. Jane McCandless, Dr. John McLester (substitute for Dr. Terry O'Toole), Dr. Melody Milbrandt, Dr. John Myers, Dr. Paul Phillips, Dr. Don Rice, Dr. Ara Volkan, and Mr. John Wells. Dean Jack O. Jenkins presided.

I. Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the July 12,2000 meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies were approved.

III. The following individuals were approved for Temporary membership on the graduate faculty;

**Brue, Alan W.**, Part-Time Assistant Professor of CEP, Department of Guidance and Counseling

**Cunningham, Jr., David T.**, Part-Time Assistant Professor of Counseling, Department of Guidance and Counseling

**Gordan, Robert A.**, Part-Time Assistant Professor of Special Education, Department of Special Education and Speech Language Pathology

**Harrelson, Leslie J.**, Instructor in Early Childhood and Elementary Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

**Maddox, James Richard**, Part-Time Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership, Department of Educational Leadership and Professional Studies

**Maxwell, Hugh C.**, Part-Time Assistant Professor of Special Education, Department of Special Education and Speech Language Pathology

**Mechling, Linda C.**, Assistant Professor of Special Education, Department of Special Education and Speech Language Pathology

**Mullis, Lelia C.**, Part-Time Assistant Professor of Early Childhood and Elementary Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

**Newsome, Maxine E.**, Assistant Professor of Early Childhood and Elementary Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

**Pack, Sidney Ralph**, Part-Time Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership, Department of Educational Leadership and Professional Studies

**Southall, Richard M.**, Assistant Professor of Physical Education and Recreation, Department of Physical Education and Recreation

**Svonavec, Steve**, Instructor of History, Department of Arts and Sciences

The following individuals were approved for regular membership on the graduate faculty:

**Ablard, Jonathan D.**, Assistant Professor of History, Department of Arts and Sciences

**Barlow, Angela Till**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Department of Arts and Sciences

**Bleuel, John**, Assistant Professor of Music, Department of Arts and Sciences

**Doyle, Maria-Elena**, Assistant Professor of English, Department of Arts and Sciences

**Helminiak, Daniel A.**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Department of Arts and Sciences

**Larkin, Martha J.**, Assistant Professor of Special Education, Department of Special Education and Speech Language Pathology

**Nazzal, Allison Kay**, Assistant Professor of Middle Grades Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

**Newnan, Lance B.**, Assistant Professor of English, Department of Arts and Sciences

**Pent, Andrea K.**, Assistant Professor of Physical Education and Recreation, Department of Physical Education and Recreation

**Pollard, Nancy**, Professor of Special Education and Chair of Special Education and Speech Language Pathology, Department of Special Education and Speech Language Pathology

**Reigner, Ronald S.**, Assistant Professor of Early Childhood and Elementary Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

**Strickland, Janet Smith**, Assistant Professor of Early Childhood and Elementary Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

**Webb, Deborah J.**, Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Department of Business

- IV. Old Business  
There was no old business

- V. A. New Business  
College of Arts and Sciences

The following course additions were approved:

Sociology/Anthropology/Criminology

CRIM 5981	Directed Readings
SOCI 5000	Research Methodology

B. Dr. Jenkins stated that it would be necessary to appoint several subcommittees from COGS to get ready for SACS. The subcommittees are Graduate Admission, Graduate Completion Requirements, Graduate Curriculum, Graduate Instruction and Academic Advising of Graduate Students. Each committee would consist of one member each from the Department of Arts and Sciences, Richards College of Business and College of Education. After approval of their reports by COGS, committee reports would be forwarded to Dr. Ara Volkan, chair of the SACS self-study committee. Dr. Jenkins asked for volunteers to serve on the subcommittees. Since a subcommittee

has been convened to look into curriculum issues that come before COGS, this subcommittee, chaired by Dr. John vonEschenbach, will be asked to look to determine whether graduate programs are in compliance with SACS criteria concerned with graduate curriculum.

C. Dean Jenkins discussed the full-time enrollment requirement for graduate assistants. He indicated that there have been a few more requests lately for exceptions to the policy (e.g., they only need one class to complete their degree). COGS members voiced their agreement that graduate assistantships should go to full-time graduate students.

Dr. Cook asked if students could enroll for more theses hours than that normally required for their degrees. Dean Jenkins stated that students could enroll for additional thesis hours.

D. Due to the fact that the Strategic Planning Committee is meeting to help determine future directions for the University, the work of the Visioning Committee for Graduate Education is being suspended at this time.

E. The following items were shared as information:

1. Graduate enrollment for fall 2000 is currently 1,850 students. This represents progress due to the fact that this is the smallest decline from one fall to the next in several years. Much thanks goes to the College of Education for its development of cohort groups, the Psychology Department for its 42% increase in enrollment over last fall, and for all the other departments who have either increased or kept enrollments at or near last year's levels.
2. Ms. Cheryl Thomas and Dean Jenkins have completed their summary of results from the Graduate School's national survey of graduate student recruitment practices. Results have been made available to members of the Recruitment and Retention Committee and will soon be made available to all COGS' members.
3. All three students whose theses were nominated for the Graduate School's student research award for 1999 – 2000 will receive awards.
4. A committee will be formed to recognize an outstanding graduate faculty member for 2000 – 2001.
5. COGS has a slot for a student member. Dean Jenkins will ask the College of Education to find someone who is willing to serve for 2000 – 2001.

The meeting was adjourned. There was no Ed.S. Appeals meeting.