

University Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure

Meeting: Email discussion initiated February 9th, 2006 with a two week response requested.

Topic: Proposal to change the rules on composition of the Graduate Council and proposal to change the method for appointment to the Graduate Council.

Committee Members: Ernie Bailey (chair), Tom Garrity, JW Yates, Melissa Newman, Bob Houtz, James Hertog, Chris Frost, Monica Hobson, Brian Jackson and Sam Jasper.

Jeannine Blackwell, Dean of the Graduate School, submitted two proposed changes. The first is to alter the membership of the Graduate Council. Changes are necessary because of the creation of the College of Public Health and the movement of the College of Human Environmental Science into the College of Agriculture and the movement of the Graduate Center for Toxicology into the College of Medicine. The number of members remains the same. There are minor changes in the alignment of colleges. The recommendation was unanimously approved by the members of the Graduate Council.

The second proposal concerned the method for appointment of university faculty to the Graduate faculty. The purposes of the changes are to streamline the appointment of tenured faculty to the graduate faculty (reduce paperwork) and to enhance collaborative activities with nearby universities.

There are two main issues. First, faculty will automatically be appointed to the Graduate Faculty in their program upon award of tenure. With respect to joint appointments in other program, this policy will apply unless those programs establish rules to the contrary. In addition, the proposal also allows associate membership on the graduate faculty by faculty from nearby universities if they hold the terminal degree and are active in research. This proposal also enjoyed full support of the Graduate Council.

The AOS committee members recommend acceptance of both proposals.

To: Senate Council

FROM: Jeannine Blackwell, Dean
The Graduate School

RE: Proposed Changes in the Composition of Graduate Council

On October 20, 2005, Graduate voted to propose certain changes in the composition of membership on Graduate Council. These changes are based on several factors:

1. The final arrangements for college home for all faculty members from the former College of Human Environmental Sciences
2. The establishment of a College of Public Health
3. The move of the Graduate Center for Toxicology to the College of Medicine
4. Cleanup of Graduate Faculty records as our lists have been integrated into the Faculty Database.

These changes have not caused dramatic changes numbers of faculty representation. We asked that the Senate revise its rules to reflect these changes.

Proposal to change the Composition of Graduate Council

Rationale:

The composition of Graduate Council was reapportioned in Spring 2004. Because we have had a new College of Public Health created in the meantime and several programs have moved from one college to another, it is time to reassess the composition of the Council.

The changes: at this time, we recommend only that the 2 representatives of the health care colleges and centers are divided among those colleges and that the College of Public Health is included. Other changes in relative graduate faculty numbers have not changed enough to warrant other reapportionment.

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The composition of the Graduate Council is as follows: two members from the College of Agriculture; three members from the College of Arts and Sciences; one member from the College of Business and Economics; one member from the Colleges of Communications and Information Studies, of Social Work and the Graduate Centers (Patterson and Martin Schools); one member from the College of Education; one member from the College of Engineering; one member from the Colleges of Design and of Fine Arts; two members from the College of Medicine; two members from the Colleges of Pharmacy, Dentistry, Health Sciences, and Nursing, and the medical-related Graduate Centers; two members appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School; and two student members selected by the Graduate Council.

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Graduate Faculty Members, by College

AG	Agriculture	243
AH	Health Sci	34
AS	Arts & Sci	337
BE	Bus. & Econ	59
CI	Comm & Info	29
DE	Dentistry	25
DS	Design	21
ED	Education	84
EN	Engineering	125
FA	Fine Arts	51
GS	Graduate Scr	29
HP	Public Health	31
ME	Medicine	213
NU	Nursing	24
PH	Pharmacy	47
SW	Social Work	13
		1365

Proposed representation: changes add Public Health, health care colleges into 2 groups with 1 rep each

AG	243	2 reps
AS	337	3 reps
BE	59	1 rep
ED	84	1 rep
EN	125	1 rep
ME	213	2 reps
CI	29	
SW	13	
GS (P&M)	15	
	57	1 rep
DS	21	
FA	51	
	72	1 rep
PH	25	
DE	47	
GS (NS&B)	14	
	86	1 rep
AH	34	
HP	24	
NU	31	
	89	1 rep