

Graduate Council Overview 2004-2005

I. Proposals

A. College of Education & Behavioral Sciences

One-time Only

EDU 522 Fundamentals of Differentiated Instruction (3/10/05)

Create Course

EDU 595 Directed Study in Education or Behavioral Science Studies (12/9/04)

Revise Program

071-MAE: General Education (12/9/04)

MAE Programs: 058, 151, 065, 093, 107, 144, 139, 155, 100, 101, 103, 094, 145, 055, 111, 089, 054, 061 for GRE requirement (12/9/04)

Create Academic Policy

Minimum GPA for Initial Certification Programs at the Graduate Level (11/11/04)

1. Dept of Counseling & Student Affairs

Revise Course Grading System

CNS 590 Practicum (11/11/04)

CNS 595 Internship (11/11/04)

Create Course

CNS 577 Counseling Concepts & Applications for Student Affairs (11/11/04)

CNS 670 Parameters of Law in Student Affairs and Higher Education (7/14/05)

Revise Program

145-MAE in Student Affairs (11/11/04)

145-MAE in Student Affairs (7/14/05)

143-MAE in Mental Health Counseling (11/11/04)

2. Dept of Curriculum & Instruction

One-time Only

ENVE 520 Introduction to Environmental Education (10/14/04)

ENVE 585 Special Topics in Environmental Education (4/14/05)

Cross-List Course

CNS 667 to PSY 667 (4/14/05)

Revise Pre/Co-requisites or Special Requirements

- EXED 517 Transition Services and Programs for Individuals with Disabilities (4/14/05)
- EXED 533 Seminar: Curriculum for Learning & Behavior Disorders (4/14/05)
- LTCY 520 Clinical Diagnosis of Reading Variability (4/14/05)
- LTCY 521 Reading Intervention (4/14/05)
- LTCY 522 Investigations in Reading (4/14/05)
- LTCY 523 Diagnostic Reading Procedures for Classroom Teachers (4/14/05)
- LTCY 524 Teaching Reading Skills in the Content Areas (4/14/05)
- LTCY 527 Literacy Learning and Cultural Differences (4/14/05)
- LTCY 528 Literacy Research Methods and Evaluation (4/14/05)
- LTCY 624 Seminar in Reading Problems (4/14/05)

Create Course

- ENVE 580 Instructional Strategies in Environmental Education (3/10/05)
- EDU 520 Planning for Instruction (4/14/05)
- EDU 521 Implementing and Instructional Plan (4/14/05)
- LTCY 518 Literacy Learning and Technology (4/14/05)
- LTCY 695 Internship in Literacy Supervision (4/14/05)

3. Dept of Education Administration**4. Department of Psychology***One-time Only*

- PSY 475G Grant Writing (10/14/04)

Revise Course Title

- PSY 521 Advanced Child Psychology (1/13/05)

Revise Catalog Course Listing

- PSY 443G Behavior Modification (1/13/05)

Create Course

- PSY 483G Evolutionary Psychology (11/11/04)
- PSY 475G Grant Writing (2/10/05)
- PSY 424G Topics in Developmental Psychology (1/13/05)
- PSY 435G Moral Development and Education (1/13/05)

Revise Program

- 092/MAAE-MA in Psychology, Applied Experimental (11/11/04)

5. Department of Special Instructional Programs

One-time only

IECE 509 Advanced Methods/Materials in IECE (09/09/04)

Revise Program

093 MAE: Elementary Literacy	}	(4/14/05)
155 MAE: Middle Grades Literacy		
094 MAE: Secondary Literacy		
083-MS Library Media Education (12/9/04)		

B. College of Health & Human Services

1. Dept of Communication Disorders

2. Department of Consumer & Family Sciences

One-time Only

DMT 446G Restoration of Historic Interiors (1/13/05)

3. Department of Nursing

Create Course

NURS 540 Occupational Health Nursing Practicum I (10/14/04)

NURS 541 Occupational Health Nursing Practicum II (10/14/04)

NURS 542 Occupational Health Nursing Practicum III (10/14/04)

Revise Program

149-MS in Nursing (10/14/04)

4. Department of Physical Education & Recreation

Delete Course

REC 410G Therapeutic Recreation (4/14/05)

REC 411G Therapeutic Recreation for the Physically Challenged (4/14/05)

REC 412G Adaptive Activities and Facilities for Recreation (4/14/05)

REC 432G Principles of Outdoor Recreation (4/14/05)

REC 470G Administration of Municipal Recreation (4/14/05)

REC 481G Recreation Seminar (4/14/05)

REC 483G Micro Computer Applications in Recreation (4/14/05)

Revise Course Number

REC 471G Community Centers and Playgrounds (4/14/05)

Revise Catalog Course Number

REC 482G Recreation Workshop (4/14/05)

Multiple Course Revisions

- REC 431G Recreation Resource Management (4/14/05)
- REC 433G Camp Administration (4/14/05)
- REC 434G Development of Nature-Oriented Areas and Facilities (4/14/05)
- REC 450G Introduction to Commercial Recreation and Tourism (4/14/05)
- REC 451G Management of Specialized Facilities (4/14/05)
- REC 501 Analysis of Research in Recreation (4/14/05)
- REC 513 Organization, Administration, and Supervision of Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Programs (4/14/05)
- REC 515 Planning and Maintenance of Park and Recreation Facilities (4/14/05)
- REC 519 Fiscal Practices for the Administrator of Recreation and Parks (4/14/05)
- REC 521 Public Relations for Parks and Recreation Programs (4/14/05)
- REC 523 Philosophy and Trends in Recreation (4/14/05)
- REC 530 Independent Investigations in Recreation (4/14/05)
- REC 590 Practicum in Recreation and Sport (4/14/05)

Create Course

- REC 435G Outdoor Expedition Planning (4/14/05)
- REC 437G Outdoor Leadership Expedition (4/14/05)
- REC 517 Legal Issues in Recreation and Sport (4/14/05)
- REC 532 Environmental Education Resources (4/14/05)
- REC 598 Master's Project in Recreation and Sport (4/14/05)

Revise Program

- 095 MS in Recreation (4/14/05)

5. Department of Public Health*One-time only*

- HCA 401G Fundamentals of Health Care Financial Management (11/11/04)
- HCA 402G Healthcare Systems: International Comparisons (11/11/04)
- HCA 403G Healthcare for Special Groups (1/13/05)
- HCA 574 Decision Making in Health Care (2/10/05)
- PH 571 Practice of Drug Abuse Prevention (11/11/04)

Create Course

- HCA 574 Decision Making in Health Care (3/10/05)
- PH 572 Practice of Drug Abuse Prevention (4/14/05)

Revise Program

- MHA, Ref. #153 Master of Health Administration (3/10/05)
- MPH, 152-PHEH, Master of Public Health, Environmental Health (4/14/05)
- MPH, 152-PHED, Master of Public Health, PH Education (4/14/05)

6. Department of Social Work

C. Gordon Ford College of Business

Create Course

LEAD 575 Leadership Studies Special Topics (4/14/05)

- 1. Business Administration Courses**
- 2. Dept of Economics & Marketing**

Delete Program

082-MAE Economics Major/Minor (12/9/04)

- 3. Dept of Finance & Accounting**
- 4. Dept of Management & Information Systems**

D. Ogden College of Science & Engineering

- 1. Dept of Agriculture**

Multiple Revisions

AGRO 454G Land Use and Conservation (12/9/04)

- 2. Architectural & Manufacturing Sciences**

One-time Only

AMS 430G Technology Management, Supervision, Team Building (1/13/05)

- 3. Dept of Biology**
- 4. Dept of Chemistry**

Revise Course Listing

CHEM 425G Polymer Chemistry (10/14/04)

Create Course

CHEM 491G Materials Chemistry Laboratory (10/14/04)

- 5. Dept of Computer Science**

6. Dept of Geography & Geology

One-time only

GEOG 468G Geography of Northern Chile & Argentina (11/11/04)

Multiple Revisions

GEOL 460G Sedimentology (1/13/05)

Create Course

GEOL 485G Geology of Fossil Fuels (1/13/05)

GEOG 577 Special Topics in Geographic Information Systems (1/13/05)

Create Program

Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Science (4/14/05)

7. Dept of Mathematics

Suspend Course

MATH 530 Mathematical Statistics (12/9/04)

Revise Course Listing

MATH 403G Geometry for Elementary/Middle School Teachers (09/09/04)

MATH 413G Algebra & Technology for Middle Grades Teachers (09/09/04)

MATH 501 Introduction to Probability & Statistics (09/09/04)

Create Course

MATH 508 Number Concepts for Elementary/Middle Grade Teachers (09/09/04)

MATH 540 Stochastic Processes (12/09/04)

Multiple Revisions

MATH 411G Problem Solving for Elementary/Middle School Teachers (09/09/04)

Revise Program

085-MS in Mathematics (09/09/04)

8. Dept of Physics & Astronomy-None

E. Potter College of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences

1. Dept of Art

Create Course

ART 590 Arts & Humanities Workshop: Visual Arts (12/09/04)

Revise Program

055-MAE in Art Education (12/09/04)

2. Dept of Communication

3. Dept of English

Revise Course Title/Number

ENG 407G Descriptive Linguistics (11/11/04)

ENG 409G Practicum in One-to-one Writing Instruction (11/11/04)

Delete Course

ENG 469G Introduction to Teaching English as a Second/Foreign Language (11/11/04)

ENG 470G TEST Methods and Materials (11/11/04)

Create Course

ENG 565 Integrated Teaching English as a Second Language (11/11/04)

ENG 566 Teaching and Testing ESL (11/11/04)

4. Dept of Folk Studies & Anthropology

One-time Only

FLK 412G American Vernacular Music (3/10/05)

5. School of Journalism & Broadcasting

One-time only

JOUR 428G Newspaper Management (10/14/04)

6. Dept of History

7. Dept of Modern Languages

One-time Only

SPAN 489G Topics in Contemporary Hispanic Culture (1/13/05)

Change in Course Prefix

MLIS 420G to MLNG 420G (10/14/04)

MLIS 480G to MLNG 480G (10/14/04)

Create Course

GERM 555 Topics in German Literacy and Cultural Studies (12/9/04)

SPAN 555 Topics in Hispanic Literacy and Cultural Studies (12/9/04)

8. Dept of Music

9. Dept of Philosophy & Religion

One-time Only

RELS 426G Dead Sea Scrolls (09/09/04)

10. Dept of Political Science

11. Dept of Sociology

One-time Only

SOCL 545 Rural Poverty (12/9/04)

Delete Program

077-MS Criminal Justice, Cooperative ECU (12/9/04)

Create Course

SOCL 545 Rural Poverty (7/14/05)

12. Dept of Theatre & Dance

F. Graduate Studies & Research

1. Women's Studies

One-time Only

WOMN 535 Roots of Feminism (2/10/05)

2. Interdisciplinary Administration (Administrative Dynamics as of 12/04)

Revise Program

148-MA in Interdisciplinary Administration (11/11/04)
changed to 041-Administrative Dynamics

Create Academic Policy

Transfer Credits Acceptable for Graduate Certificate Programs (2/10/05)
(Note: Policy did not pass the University Senate)

Transfer Credits Acceptable for Graduate Certificate Programs (4/14/05)
(Note: Policy to Senate Executive Committee in September)

3. Community College Faculty Preparation Certificate

Revise Program

162-Certificate in CCFP (12/9/04)

II. Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty Committee

Members: Dr. Mark Robinson (Chair), Dr. Christopher Brown, Dr. Nedra Atwell, Dr. Beverly Siegrist

September 2004 to May 2005 Approved Graduate Faculty Members

Faculty Member	Dept	Membership	Apptd
Stickle, Fred	CNSA	Regular	9/9/04
Becker, James	CI	Regular	9/9/04
Moore, John	CI	Regular	9/9/04
Ernest, Andrew	ENG	Regular	10/14/04
Keaster, Ric	EALR	Regular	10/14/04
Kelley, William	EALR	Regular	10/14/04
Iyiebuniwe, Emmanuel	PUBH	Associate	10/14/04
Stenger, Tammie	PHY	Associate	10/14/04
Watkins, Cecilia	PUBH	Associate	10/14/04
Burch-Ragan, Kelly	CNSA	Associate	10/14/04
Scott, Bill	MUS	Regular	10/14/04
Liu, Kunlei	AMS	Regular	10/14/04
Foster, Stuart	GEO	Regular	10/14/04
Deere, Randall	PHY	Regular	10/14/04
Howsen, Roy	ECON	Regular	10/14/04
Crawford, Kenneth	BIOL	Regular	10/14/04
Ferrell, Blaine	BIOL	Regular	10/14/04
Grubbs, Scott	BIOL	Associate	10/14/04
Rinehart, Claire	BIOL	Regular	10/14/04
Wilson, Richard	PUBH	Regular	10/14/04
Hovet, Ted	ENG	Regular	10/14/04
Evans, Timothy	FSA	Associate	10/14/04
Crowe-Carraco, Carol	HIST	Regular	10/14/04
Shannon, Rick	MKT	Regular	10/14/04
Coakley, Linda	NURS	Temporary	10/14/04
Ecton, Gayle	EALR	Regular	10/14/04
Wang, Jiangliang	EALR	Regular	10/14/04
Greer, Richard	PSY	Regular	10/14/04
Madole, Kelly	PSY	Regular	10/14/04
Sikora, Doris	CFS	Regular	10/14/04
McElroy, Doug	BIOL	Regular	10/14/04
Applegate, Darlene	FSA	Regular	10/14/04
Keeling, David	GEO	Regular	10/14/04
Powers, Sherry	SIP	Regular	10/14/04
Askins, Brent	AMS	Regular	10/14/04
Farina, Michael	CNSA	Adjunct	10/14/04
Buckles, Dale	CNSA	Adjunct	10/14/04
Laves, Karl	CNSA	Adjunct	10/14/04
Wyatt, Tracey	CNSA	Adjunct	10/14/04
Maglinger, Lee	PUBH	Adjunct	10/14/04
Riga, Alan	CHEM	Adjunct	10/14/04
Brake, Nicholas	EALR	Adjunct	10/14/04
Vick, Larry	EALR	Adjunct	10/14/04
Fulton, John	PSY	Adjunct	10/14/04
Barry, Suna	PSY	Adjunct	10/14/04
Heffer, Lance	CNSA	Adjunct	10/14/04
Trumbo, Cynthia	CNSA	Adjunct	10/14/04
Domerese, Linda	PUBH	Adjunct	10/14/04
Hondorp, Paul	MUS	Associate	11/11/04
Hughes, Sandra	ENG	Associate	11/11/04
Nagy, Stephen	PUBH	Regular	11/11/04
Nagy, Mary	PUBH	Temporary	11/11/04

Bonaguro, Ellen	COMM	Regular	11/11/04
Blake, Michelle	SWRK	Regular	11/11/04
Flynn, James	ENG	Regular	11/11/04
Hagaman, John	ENG	Regular	11/11/04
Spraker, John	MATH	Regular	11/11/04
Poe, Retta	PSY	Regular	11/11/04
Parry, Linda	MGT	Regular	11/11/04
Etienne, Joseph	CD	Regular	11/11/04
Goetting, Ann	SOCL	Regular	11/11/04
Winn, Larry	COMM	Regular	11/11/04
Oakes, John	ART	Regular	11/11/04
Sleugh, Byron	AGRI	Regular	11/11/04
Minter, Patricia	HIST	Regular	11/11/04
Pruitt, Matt	SOCL	Regular	11/11/04
Kanan, James	SOCL	Regular	11/11/04
Mason, Richard	CNSA	Adjunct	11/11/04
Russell, Heather	MATH	Associate	12/9/04
Benko, David	MATH	Associate	12/9/04
Lamphier, Dominic	MATH	Associate	12/9/04
Sanat, Nilabh	MATH	Temporary	12/9/04
Sepanski, Peter	MATH	Associate	12/9/04
Hardin, Joe	ENG	Regular	12/9/04
Drummon, Holli	SOCL	Associate	12/9/04
Daday, Jerry	SOCL	Associate	12/9/04
Wyant, Dave	PUBH	Associate	12/9/04
Serros, Sherrie	MATH	Regular	12/9/04
Swanson, Robyn	MUS	Regular	12/9/04
Kessler, Bruce	MATH	Regular	12/9/04
Onyekwuluje, Anne	SOCL	Regular	12/9/04
Wesley, Susan	SWRK	Regular	12/9/04
Brown, Reagan	PSY	Regular	12/9/04
Spurgeon, Shawn	CNSA	Associate	2/10/05
Duba, Jill	CNSA	Associate	2/10/05
Lara, Tracy	CNSA	Associate	2/10/05
Pertusa-Seva, Inmaculada	MLNG	Associate	2/10/05
Trafton, Joseph	PHIL	Regular	2/10/05
Rigby, Dale	ENG	Associate	2/10/05
Siewers, Fredrick	GEO	Regular	2/10/05
Stone, Martin	AGRI	Associate	2/10/05
Williams, Deborah	NURS	Regular	2/10/05
Gibson, Fred	PHY	Associate	2/10/05
Ernst, Claus	MATH	Regular	2/10/05
Burke, Monica	CNSA	Adjunct	2/10/05
Logsdon, Donna	CFS	Adjunct	2/10/05
Yan, Jun	GEO	Associate	4/14/05
Boman, Marty	SIP	Associate	4/14/05
Andrew, Keith	PHYS	Regular	4/14/05
Chan, Kam	FIN	Regular	4/14/05
Hardin, John A.	HIST	Regular	4/14/05
Oglesbee, Brent	ART	Regular	4/14/05
Pearce, Elizabeth	PSY	Adjunct	4/14/05
Spencer, Debby	PHY	Adjunct	4/14/05
Starks, Sandra	SWRK	Regular	4/26/05
Villerreal, Gary	SWRK	Regular	4/26/05
Simmons, Sharon	SWRK	Temporary	4/26/05
Gabbard, Jay	SWRK	Associate	4/26/05
Rinn, Anne	PSY	Associate	4/26/05
Paquin, Anthony	PSY	Associate	4/26/05
Pegg, Phil	PSY	Associate	4/26/05
Bink, Martin	PSY	Associate	4/26/05
Miner-Rubino, Kathi	PSY	Associate	4/26/05
Pulliam, Heather	ART	Associate	4/26/05

Caillouet, Larry	COMM	Regular	4/26/05
Ray, Sally	COMM	Regular	4/26/05
Nims, Donald	CNSA	Regular	4/26/05
Dressler, Richard	CD	Associate	4/26/05
Lumsden, Linda	JOUR	Regular	4/26/05
Pope, R. Wayne	MUS	Regular	4/26/05
McGee, Laura	MLNG	Regular	7/14/05
Tullis, Matthew	ART	Associate	7/14/05
Lengfield, Marc	MATH	Associate	7/14/05
Richmond, Bettina	MATH	Regular	7/14/05
Pickle, Linda	MLNG	Regular	7/14/05
Carmichael, John	MUS	Regular	7/14/05
Murley, Lisa	CI	Adjunct	7/14/05
May, Mark	COMM	Adjunct	7/14/05
Trawick, Michelle	ECON	Regular	7/14/05

C. Graduate Student Research Committee

Members: Dr. Elizabeth Jones (Chair), Dr. Carol Crowe-Carraco, Dr. Nace Magner, Ms. Shelia Catlett

1. Total Awards Granted 2003-2004: 23 grants totaling \$13,398.80
2. This year the maximum award was increased to \$750.00.
3. 2004-2005 Awards

Student	Department	Amount Awarded
Angela Baioni	Biology	\$560.00
Martha Watson	Chemistry	\$750.00
Kara Bletzinger	Psychology	\$750.00
Catharine Tate	Psychology	\$750.00
Jennifer Copen	Psychology	\$750.00
Michael Risner	Psychology	\$720.00
Eric Vukmanic	Psychology	750.00
Sarah Wickman	Psychology	750.00
Jennifer Short	Psychology	216.00
Carlie West	Psychology	180.00
Cierra Cross	Chemistry	750.00
Jestin Clark	Biology	750.00
Cassandra Cantrell	Biology	750.00
Natalie Jones	Biology	750.00
Caleb Pickering	History	750.00
Bryan Mason	Biology	750.00
Year Total		\$10,676

D. Rules Committee

Members: Dr. Gabe Buntzman (Chair), Dr. Susan Wesley, Dr. Eric Reed, Ms. Yasamin Shariat

The Rules Committee submitted a re-draft of the Graduate Studies Operating Paper for its first reading on April 26, 2005. Further discussion will continue in the 05-06 academic year. See Appendix A for copy of re-draft.

E. Other Appointments

1. Vice Chair of Council: Charles Wainright
2. Professional Education Committee: Tom Richmond
3. Academic Quality Committee: Leila Matthews

III. Other Business

A. Graduate Council Election

The Graduate Council Faculty election was held on Tuesday, April 27 through Thursday, April 29. Voter turnout: 73

B. Student Representative Election

The Graduate Council Student election was held on Tuesday, August 24 through Thursday, August 26. Voter turnout: 129

C. Relationship with University Curriculum Committee and University Senate

1. The Graduate Council no longer reports matters to the University Curriculum Committee (UCC), but continues to report matters as a Consent Agenda to the University Senate.

2. Senate Charter Changes

The following proposal was considered by the Council. The change underlined and in red ink indicates the amendment proposed by Tom Richmond.

IV. A. The standing committees of the Senate are the following: the Executive Committee, the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, the General Education Committee, the Professional Responsibilities and Faculty Welfare Committee, and the Committee on Academic Quality, and the Graduate Council.

Excerpt from October Senate minutes

“Next, Senator Douglas Smith brought forth the following resolution, concerning the separation of the University Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council, making the Graduate Council a sub-committee of the Senate.

Senator Smith moved approval of a proposal to change Section IV, Letter B, Number 5 of the University Senate Charter to read:

5. Each committee, except the Executive Committee and the Graduate Council, shall elect its own chair. The chairs of all standing committees shall be members of the Senate, with the exception of the Graduate Council.

The motion was seconded.

The Chair noted that this proposal has had its first reading.”

(End of Excerpt)

At the November 8 meeting of the Senate Executive Committee, Dean Gray presented an expanded statement of the Graduate Council's functions (underlined statements).

Changes in the functions of the Graduate Council

The functions of the Graduate Council shall be:

1. To make proposals to the University Senate concerning university-wide graduate academic policies.

- a. To receive, review, and act upon academic course and program proposals being submitted through the approval process;
- b. To review existing graduate programs and new program proposals in light of the university's mission statement;
- c. To review any graduate academic matters such as degree and graduation requirements, standards of scholastic achievement, rules and regulations governing faculty-student relations;
- d. To review existing graduate courses and new courses having significant consequences that cross college lines;
- e. To study any graduate curricular matter it chooses;
- f. To study graduate matters assigned to it by the Executive Committee.

2. To make proposals directly to the Vice President for Academic Affairs concerning university-wide administrative and personnel policies.

- a. Recommendations on stipends and benefits for graduate assistantships;
- b. Recommendations on graduate student research grants;
- c. Requirements for appointment and continuation on the Graduate Faculty;
- d. Hearing and acting upon student appeals of graduate requirements;
- e. Establishment of standing and ad hoc committees;
- f. Responding to requests about graduate matters from the Academic Vice President and for Council of Academic Deans.

**The Richmond/Crowe-Carraco motion for approval of the Senate Charter Changes passed with the noted amendment to the Smith Senate proposal.*

D. Graduate Policy Actions from 2003-2004

1. The following graduate policies were defeated in the Senate:
 - Limitation of 400G level courses
 - Reduction of courses taken as unclassified into a degree program
 - Reduction of hours for seniors in graduate credit
 - Reduction in transfer credits hours
 - Reduction in previous course work towards a second degree program
 - Reduction of certificate hours towards a degree program
 - Minimum GRE Analytical Writing Score of 3.5

- GRE completion in entirety
2. The following graduate policies were approved in the Senate:
- 3.0 regulation in addition to Form D requirements
 - Change in Graduate Teaching Associates requirements
 - Maximum number of credits toward a degree from previous course work
 - Waiver of GRE if previous Master's degree
 - Program residency statement

E. Creation of New Graduate Scholarships

Council Member Eric Reed, History, submitted the following resolution to the Graduate Council for support in the University Senate. The resolution received full support from the Council and was forwarded to the Senate in April 2005.

University Senate Resolution Regarding the Creation of New Graduate Scholarships

Whereas the University must strive continually to improve the quality of its graduate student body; and

Whereas the University's strategic plan for 2003-2006 states that the University must "provide financial and other resources needed for [graduate] programs to function competitively in comparison with appropriate benchmarks" and "provide competitive support . . . at least equal to those of benchmark institutions in order to increase the number of high-quality graduate students;" and

Whereas the University does not offer graduate scholarships that are generous enough, when compared to those offered by other universities, to attract large numbers of the highest-quality graduate students; therefore

The University Senate urges that the University create twenty new, permanent scholarships for graduate students. These scholarships should be used to attract the highest-quality graduate students to enroll in the University for full-time graduate study. In order to attract such students, the University's twenty graduate scholarships must include a stipend that is competitive with those offered by other schools and tuition remission equivalent to eighteen hours of graduate coursework per academic year. The new scholarships should be distributed to graduate students according to academic merit and not according to financial need. These scholarships must be funded by new revenue streams and not by diverting funds from need-based financial aid and/or tuition remission that is currently available to graduate students and graduate assistants. The University Senate suggests that these twenty scholarships be phased in over a maximum of four years.

F. Discussion on Commencement Practices

Freida Eggleton, Registrar, briefed the Council on the logistics of the commencement ceremony, particularly for the May 2005 ceremony including more than 200 graduate students. As commencement grows the need to separate it into smaller sections seems apparent and consideration of having a separate graduate student commencement was presented. Several Council members noted their graduate commencement experiences as separate hoodings in an intimate setting, which included graduate faculty in their respective program areas. The Graduate Studies and the Graduate Council will continue to research this possibility into the coming months.