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Report for Faculty Senate about Graduate Council-Senator Carrye Syma

The Arts and Humanities Conference will be held on October 21st and 22nd. Anastasia Coles is the contact person for the Conference.

The Graduate School graduated 101 doctoral and 335 master students during the August Graduation.

Dr. Miller announced that the enrollment numbers are down nationally but not for the Texas Tech University.

Proposal for revising Graduate Faculty Status:

We propose the following changes to the Graduate Faculty review process:

- 1) That a departmental or college recommendation for appointment to the Graduate Faculty membership no longer be subject to review in the Graduate School except as indicated below.
- 2) That the Graduate Faculty Committee be abolished and faculty review responsibilities specified below be assigned to the Academic Program Committee, which could be enlarged to accommodate new responsibilities.
- 3) Review of faculty credential for admission to the Graduate Faculty by the Academic Program Committee or a subcommittee thereof will be restricted to the following:
 - A) Adjunct or Visiting Faculty, especially with respect to service on thesis and dissertation committees as member or chairperson.
 - B) When Requested, cases where the outcome of the departmental evaluation is unclear, such as in a split vote on Graduate Faculty membership.
 - C) Appeals by faculty who have received a negative vote in their department or college and who wish to appeal the decision.
- 4) That a department chairperson or dean may request that a faculty member or members may be placed in indefinite suspension from the Graduate Faculty. Such requests will be reviewed by the Academic Program Committee or a subcommittee thereof. The suspension will remain in effect until such time as the dean or department chair requests that the faculty member be reinstated as a member of the Graduate Faculty.

In discussion, members of the Faculty Senate raised questions about the last part of the proposed policy. As a consequence, the new policy (with special attention to part 4) was sent to the Faculty Status & Welfare Committee for review.

Complete minutes from the Graduate Council meetings may be found at: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/facstaff/gcmembers.php>