

# The Graduate Council Minutes

February 15, 2001  
3:00 p.m., GAB, Room 210

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**The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Council is Thursday, March 15, at 3:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, Board Room. Agenda items are due March 1, and the agenda will be distributed by March 8.**  
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**Note: Course changes and additions will not take effect until they are listed in the graduate catalog. Items marked with an asterisk (\*) must have approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board before listing in the graduate catalog.**

**Members present:** Brooks, Combes (for Keller), Craig, Eubank (chair), Evenson (for Hartman), Glover, Hyten, Kamman (for Burggren), Morrison, Pirtle, Schamber, Tate, Turner, Windsor

**Visitors present:** Austen, Jahn, Keitges, Smith-Murdock

**I. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:** The minutes from the January 18, 2001 meeting were approved with corrections on a motion by Schamber and a second by Pirtle.

## II. Announcements

- A. Dr. Tate announced that UNT intends to offer academic certificate programs for graduate credit at the post-baccalaureate and post-master's levels. There will be workshops to help programs develop graduate certificates in their area. The policy guidelines for offering the graduate certificates are currently being developed.

## III. Requests for New Courses

None

## IV. Request for New Program

None

## V. Request for Change in Program/Major/Degree/Option Requirements

- A. The Department of Criminal Justice request to change the standardized admission test requirements for the master's program in criminal justice was unanimously approved on a motion by Evenson and a second by Windsor.

The department requests to change the equivalent GRE major field from social sciences – other to criminal justice/criminology. The current requirement for the masters in criminal justice is ½ standard deviation below the mean on the verbal and analytical (V = 404, A = 461). The new requirement would be a full standard deviation below the mean on the verbal and analytical (V = 333, A = 373).

## VI. Request for Dual/Joint Degree Programs

None

## VII. Consent Calendar

**A. Request for Change in Existing Courses**

None

**B. Request for Course Deletion**

None

**VIII. Old Business**

None

**IX. New Business**

**A.** Recommendation from the Graduate Faculty Review Committee for changes to the university criteria for Graduate Faculty Category Status was unanimously approved on a motion by Turner and a second by Evenson. (see attached – recommendations are underlined)

**B.** Recommendations from the Admissions and Policy Committee concerning the TOEFL and conditional admission of international students (TOEFL/IELI).

1. The recommendation by the International Admissions and Programs Office to re-institute a local English–language screening test for all incoming international graduate students whose native language is not English was unanimously approved on a motion by Windsor and seconded by Pirtle. Information provided to universities and colleges by the Educational Testing Service indicated that a score of 213 on the computer-based TOEFL test was considered comparable to a paper-based score of 550. Based on new information, we now know that a computer-based score of 213 does not equal a paper-based score of 550. Therefore, all students who were admitted with a TOEFL score (paper-based or computer-based) will be required to take an English Screening examination upon arrival at UNT to assess their English ability. The results of the exam will place students in one of the following categories:

- a. clear pass – students will be permitted to enroll as a full-time student in credit courses in their degree program at the graduate or undergraduate level.
- b. partial pass – students will be permitted to enroll in some credit courses in their degree program, but will also be required to take some remedial English classes that will not apply to their degree program. There will be an additional cost for these classes.
- c. no pass – students will be required to enroll in and complete the Intensive English Language Institute at UNT before enrolling in any courses in their degree program.

2. The recommendation to allow international students to be admitted provisionally/conditionally, pending successful English language skills was unanimously approved on a motion by Turner and a second by Hyten. English language skills involve satisfactory TOEFL scores (or Level 6 IELI) and, where required, satisfactory GRE verbal scores (or GPC, where accepted).