

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

CHAIRED BY: Donna White **TIME:** 3:00 p.m.
DATE: 2/25/13 **PLACE:** 300 Park, Winder Board Room

Council Members Present: Connie Bullis, Marjorie Chan, Jeff Stratman, Winston Kyan, Karen Wilcox, Robert Mayer, Vladimir Hlady, Tim Formosa, Allyson Mower, Susan Johnston, Ben Bromley, Lee Ellington

Excused Members: Terry Kogan, Sean Redmond, Bianca Shreeve, Connie Madden, Michael Jensen, Emma Gross, Nan Ellin, Lyndi Duff, Ed Barbanell

1. Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes of February 25, 2013 meeting
Vote: Approved unanimously

2. University of Utah Songdo, South Korea Campus

Presenting: Michael Hardman (Academic Affairs), Robert Muir (FBS), Patrick Panos (Social Work), Jannah Mather (Social Work), Robert Payne (General Counsel), In-Jin Cha (Academic Affairs)

The Graduate Council is considering this proposal in accordance with Policy 6-200 regarding off-campus degrees/programs. The proposal has been five years in the making. The Songdo campus is required to have same offerings, programs, degrees as main campus. This is a faculty driven program. Departments fully run programs if they elect to participate. The plan is to open in March of 2014. University will have no expenditures. No infrastructure costs in first five years. All faculty members will be recruited and hired here. Colleges will make decisions on how to carry out programs but programs must be equivalent to programs here. Admissions are U admissions not consortium admissions. The Administrative head of the Songdo campus will be appointed by the President and will report to the President.

Motion: Approve offering of programs at off-campus Songdo Campus (Regulation 6-200 section 6)

Vote: Approved unanimously

3. Department of Sociology Review Revisions

Revisions to the Recommendations section of the report were presented, based on suggestions made at the February 2013 Council meeting.

Motion: Approve revisions to Recommendations section of report

Vote: Approved unanimously

4. Department of Operations and Information Systems Review:

Presenting: Ben Bromley (Physics & Astronomy)

Council members suggested minor revisions to the text of the report.

Motion: Approve report as revised

Vote: Approved unanimously

5. Graduate Certificate in Sustainability:

Presenting: Brenda Bowen (Geology & Geophysics), Dan McCool (Political Science), Steve Burian (Civil & Environmental Engineering)

Dean White and Council members expressed concern about the absence of letters from appropriate academic deans, courses offered through a center and not through a department or college, and that this may not have been disclosed to the full teaching faculty. Another concern was the lack of detail regarding the funding mechanism for the Certificate program. The Council asked Dean White to contact the presenters to collect additional documentation and information.

Motion: Approve upon condition of receiving additional requested information

Vote: Approved unanimously

6. Graduate Certificate in Occupational Safety & Health:

Presenting: Hannah Edwards (DFPM), Curt Hegmann (DFPM), Rod Larsen (DFPM)

The purpose of the Certificate would be to protect the health of workers to an even greater degree. The Certificate will offer four areas of emphasis. All courses are currently being taught. No additional personnel will be needed. They expect robust interest (20 students per/year) and yet made it clear that they are interested in quality over quantity Council members asked for the budget detail to be clarified and targeted specifically to the impact of the Certificate and also for a support letter from Dean/SVP Health Sciences. There was a support letter from faculty/dept. included in the proposal. Dean White will contact the presenters to ask for the additional documentation and information.

Motion: Approve upon condition of receiving additional requested information

Vote: Approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 5:15