Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

CHAIRED BY: Chuck Wight  TIME: 3:00 PM
DATE: April 30, 2012  PLACE: 300 Park


EXCUSED MEMBERS: Nan Ellin, Emma Gross, Michael Jensen, Ed Ruddell, Bianca Shreeve

FINAL AGENDA

1. Minutes
   Vote: Approved Unanimously
   Abstained: None
   Comments: None

2. Discussion of Program Review Follow-Ups
   Suggestion of a 3 year review follow-up with the Dean, Dean of The Graduate School, and Associate Dean. Will give the Deans a chance to express how they have been working on their progress from the initial program review. This will also let the departments know that the Graduate School is keeping an eye out to make sure departments are working on the recommendations.
   Comments: None

3. Graduate Council review for Marketing
   Lee Ellington presented. The department has lost 4 faculty, one of which was prominent in the department. They currently have multiple BA programs, a PhD program, but have declining number of students. Research productivity is high, various funding resources, and student morale is high. Recommendations include narrowing and focusing their electives to the faculty’s strengths.
   Vote: Approved Unanimously
   Abstained: None
   Comments: Approved as amended

4. MS Secondary School Teachers in Earth Science
   Holly Godsey CSME, Hugo Rossi, Peter Trombi and presented. Introducing a new interdisciplinary track. The degree already exists in the College of Science. The program will be for Earth Science and a new degree needed to be created because Earth Science is within the Department of Mines and Earth Sciences and not necessarily the College of Science. The need for more content minded teachers is high. In 2009, a cohort of 16 math teachers started and have since graduated. The degree will be administered by the MSSST committee which already exists, but will be housed within a different department.
   Vote: Approved
   Abstained: None
5. **Proposal for Ecological Planning Center**
   The proposal will be reviewed for provisional approval and not by the Graduate Council committee.

   **Vote:** None  
   **Abstained:** None  
   **Comments:** None

6. **Proposal for BS/MS Information Systems**
   John Soldan and Andrea Miller from the School of Business presented. Currently, there is some overlap and redundancy by having the programs run independently. The program would encompass a total of 152 credit hours, giving the student the advantage of taking graduate courses sooner.

   **Vote:** Approved  
   **Abstained:** None  
   **Comments:** Approved as amended.

7. **Graduate Council Review for School of Architecture**
   Lora Tuesday-Heathfield presented. The department has various programs, including dual programs. The director conducts exit interviews with all undergraduates and graduates.

   **Vote:** Approved  
   **Abstained:** None  
   **Comments:** Approved as amended.

8. **Graduate Council Review for Medicinal Chemistry**
   Chris Lippard presented. Strong department with excellent faculty with national prominence, the main concern, however, is how to increase graduate student numbers. They have a new building which is close to being done. Have responded well to the previous report and its recommendations. There is general agreement to grow their graduate program.

   **Vote:** Approved  
   **Abstained:** None  
   **Comments:** Approved as amended.