

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

CHAIRED BY: Chuck Wight

TIME: 3:00 PM

DATE: August 29, 2011

PLACE: 303 Sutton

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Bromley, Marjorie Chan, Tom Cova, Nan Ellin, Emma Gross, Eric Hinderaker, Michael Jensen, Chris Lippard, Mary Lucero, Ed Ruddell, Bianca Shreeve, Jeff Stratman, Lora Tuesday-Heathfield, Karen Wilcox

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna White, Chuck Wight

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Lee Ellington, Terry Kogan, Allyson Mower

FINAL AGENDA

1. Discussion of Ballet Department Review

Chuck Wight informed the Council that former President Michael Young did not approve the Council's 2009-10 review of the Department of Ballet. President Young requested that a revised report be submitted that gives more weight to the external review committee's recommendations. Since the time of the review, the Department of Ballet has gone into receivership. Dean Wight indicated that a new ad hoc committee will be formed and a revised report presented to the Council.

2. Program Review for Exercise and Sport Science

Chris Lippard from the Film and Media Arts Department presented. Exercise and Sport Science is a large department in the College of Health, with approximately 1,000 undergraduate and 75 graduate students. The department was commended for its high quality research and teaching, as well as for the important outreach functions it serves for the campus and community at large. The review recommended that the department develop a strategic plan to address the issues of streamlining the curriculum, developing a comprehensive assessment process, and creating an infrastructure to support research funding. The review also recommended that the department strive to improve faculty collegiality, increase support staff, and implement strategies to achieve greater faculty and student diversity.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Abstained: None

Comments: Chris Lippard will make minor changes to the wording and ordering of the recommendations, as recommended by the Council.

3. Discussion of 2011-12 Program Reviews

Donna White and Denise Haynie presented information on the program reviews to be conducted during 2011-12. Donna briefly reviewed the responsibilities of ad hoc committees, and reported that 12 reviews will take place during the academic year. Denise indicated that ad hoc committee assignments will be ready by the September Council meeting.