

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

CHAIRED BY: Chuck Wight

TIME: 3:00 PM

DATE: September 26, 2011

PLACE: 300 Park

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: Ed Barbanell, 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. The committee has been appointed and Terry Kogan will chair.

2. Proposal for Doctor in Philosophy in Occupational and Environmental Health

Kurt Hegmann and Rob Larson from the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine presented. The program will have extensive supervisory committees in place to oversee this. The degree will require 40 -42 credit hours, core course, field work, qualifying exam and dissertation. Grant writing will be considered in the core course work.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Abstained: None

Comments: The proposal needs to address minor grammar issues and needs to include a letter of support from the Marriott Library.

3. Ad Hoc Committees for 2011-2012

Donna White led the discussion. A handout of all the appointments were distributed.

4. Graduate Council Review for Special Education

Lee Ellington from the College of Nursing presented. Special Education is one of four academic departments established in the 1960's. The program responded positively to the past review. They have consistently been ranked near or in the top 20. There has not been much improvement in increasing diversity within the faculty. The new building will be ready Fall 2013. Recommendations include increasing diversity within faculty and students, the department should monitor the workload for non tenure faculty, and consider options for grant and research funding.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Abstained: None

Comments: The decline in students for the past three years should be examined.