

# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

**CHAIR**ED BY: Chuck Wight

**TIME:** 3:00 PM

**DATE:** October 29, 2012

**PLACE:** 300 Park

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ed Barbanell, Connie Bullis, Nan Ellin, Tim Formosa, Emma Gross, Vladimir Hlady, Terry Kogan, Winston Kyan, Robert Mayer, Allyson Mower, Sean Redmond, Jeff Stratman, Donna White, Chuck Wight

**EXCUSED MEMBERS:** Ben Bromley, Marjorie Chan, Lee Ellington, Susan Johnston, Karen Wilcox

## FINAL AGENDA

### 1. **Minutes**

Vote: Approved Unanimously  
Abstained: None  
Comments: As Amended

### 2. **Student Course Feedback Committee**

Connie Bullis will be unable to serve on the committee. Winston Kyan has volunteered to serve on the Student Course Feedback Committee on behalf of the Graduate Council.

Comments: None

### 3. **Proposed Change to Graduate School Policy**

Chuck Wight presented. The current Graduate School policy states that students must maintain minimum registration of at least three credit hours. In order to monitor this, the Graduate School has to run a query of all graduate students and have any students not in compliance register for the extra credits. The proposed change would remove the minimum credit hour requirement. Departments are welcome to enforce a higher level of registration.

Vote: Approved Unanimously  
Abstained: None  
Comments: None

### 4. **Rise of TOEFL Scores**

Donna White presented. The new TOEFL scores will rise from 500 to 550, and 61 to 80 in the new scale. This change will be implemented Spring 2014. This change has already been presented to the Directors of Graduate Studies with positive response. Departments are more than welcome to require higher TOEFL scores.

Comments: None

### 5. **Motion from University Diversity Committee**

Terry Kogan presented. The University Diversity Committee has done a thorough assessment of diversity within departments. The committee proposes to meet with department representatives at the beginning of the program review and/or during the

orientation meeting. There was a suggestion of expanding the section for diversity and providing templates and examples within the red book.

Comments: None

**6. Proposal for a Graduate Emphasis in Care Management**

Katie Ward presented. The new emphasis will be focused on the prevention of disease. The College of Nursing currently has three emphases within the MS in Nursing. The field of care management has grown and the School of Nursing anticipates sub specialties in geriatrics, pediatrics, etc. The College of Nursing would also like to discontinue the Clinical Nurse Leadership.

Vote: Approved

Abstained: None

Comments: The proposal should include verbiage regarding the faculty's decision about the new emphasis. A letter of support from the Eccles library should be included. A new proposal to discontinue the Clincial Nurse Leadership emphasis is needed.

**7. Ballet Updated Report**

Linda Smith presented. The memo presented addressed the seven recommendations from the Graduate Council. The interim chair has researched the workload issue and hired an external consultant to review the department. Despite the consultant's recommendation, the Dean of the College of Fine Arts would like to start a search for a new chair in January. The department still needs more faculty and is one of a limited number of ballet programs in the country. A merger with the Modern Dance department will not be entertained at this time.

Comments: None

**8. Graduate Council Review for School of Accounting**

Allyson Mower presented. The program review has been revised per the comments from committee members during the September Graduate Council meeting.

Vote: Approved

Abstained: None

Comments: None

**9. Graduate Council Review for the David Eccles School of Business**

Vladmir Hlady presented. The DESB has five academic units, Finance, Accounting, Information Systems, Management, and Business Administration. The student population includes over 1900 undergraduates, 200 graduates and 57 Ph.D's. Recommendations included increasing diversity within the faculty and student population and effective assessment of programs.

Vote: Approved via Email Vote

Abstained: None

Comments: An email vote was done with the suggested revisions of the review.

**10. Graduate Council Review for Modern Dance**

Comments: Due to time constraints, this review has been pushed to the November Graduate Council meeting.