

## GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

**CHAired BY:** David S. Chapman

**TIME:** 3:00 pm

**DATE:** 25 August 2008

**PLACE:** 300 Park Building

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ann Marie Breznay, Dan Cairo, Nicki Camp, Darrell Davis, Janell Fluckiger, Julie Fritz, Paolo Gondolo, Jay Mace, John Martinez, John McDonnell, Pat Murphy, Sally Planalp, Kevin Rathunde, Mary Jane Taylor, Patrick Tresco, Robert Young

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Chapman, Nancy Nickman, Fred Rhodewalt, Jennifer Bangerter, Lisa Blair, Graduate School

**EXCUSED:** Ed Barbanell, Martha Eining, Chris Lippard

### FINAL AGENDA

#### **1. Approval of Minutes – 28 April 2008**

The Minutes of the 28 April 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.

#### **2. Introduction of New Graduate Council Members**

Dean Chapman introduced the new Graduate Council members: Dan Cairo, Graduate Student in Educational Leadership & Policy; Darrell Davis, Medicinal Chemistry/Biochemistry; Janell Fluckiger, Graduate Student in Public Administration; and Paolo Gondolo, Physics. Martha Eining, Accounting and Chris Lippard, Film Studies have been appointed to the Graduate Council, but were unable to attend the 25 August meeting.

#### **3. 2008 – 2009 Graduate Council Review Ad Hoc Committees**

Associate Dean Rhodewalt gave a brief overview of the responsibilities of the Ad Hoc Committees for department reviews. The Ad Hoc Committee assignments were distributed to the Graduate Council members (attached).

#### **4. Graduate Council Review of the Department of Mathematics**

Steve Bealer, Ad Hoc Committee Chair, presented the Graduate Council review of the Department of Mathematics.

The Department of Mathematics is a thriving department with excellent student programs and a strong and collegial faculty. The Rushing Center is noted for enhancing student education.

Challenges for the department include: recruiting for diversity, finding long-term support for The Rushing Center, more distributed undergraduate advising and the possible development of the Center for Excellence in Math and Science Education.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** Approve the review as written.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

**Action:** The report will be discussed at the Wrap-Up Meeting (in attendance: Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the College of Science, Chair of the Department of Mathematics, and the Dean and Associate Dean of the Graduate School as facilitators). Following the Wrap-Up Meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared by the Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Both the report and the Memorandum of Understanding will be sent to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

**5. Proposal to Change Name of Degree from Master in Family Ecology to Master of Human Development and Social Change in the Department of Family and Consumer Studies**

Kevin Rathunde, representing Department Chair Cheryl Wright, presented a proposal to change the name of the degree from Master of Family Ecology to Master of Human Development and Social Change.

The term “family ecology” is outdated and doesn’t accurately reflect the scope of the current Masters program. Department of Family and Consumer Studies faculty unanimously support the name change, with Human Development and Social Change encompassing a broader yet more reflective scope.

The question of keeping degree and department names consistent was raised, to avoid “boutique degrees.” Dr. Rathunde responded that the department has very few students seeking Masters degrees in consumer-related studies, and as such, a Master in Family and Consumer Studies would not accurately reflect the course of study.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** Approve the proposal to change the name of the degree.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

**Action:** Inform the Department of Family and Consumer Studies of the Graduate Council’s decision to approve the proposal. The proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

**6. Proposal to Create a New Center for Cell and Genome Science in the College of Science**

The proposal to create a new Center for Cell and Genome Science was withdrawn for revision.

7. **Graduate Council Review of the S.J. Quinney College of Law**

Patricia Murphy, Ad Hoc Committee Chair, presented the Graduate Council Review of the S.J. Quinney College of Law.

The external and internal review reports were overall very complimentary and positive. Specific areas noted by the reviewers for commendation include the ongoing effort to promote diversity among faculty and students, The Stegner Center, and the efforts of recently appointed Dean Hiram Chodosh.

The Graduate Council requested the content of the report be revised to reflect the successful efforts to promote diversity among faculty and students.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** Approve the review as amended.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

**Action:** The revised report will be discussed at the Wrap-Up Meeting (in attendance: Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the S.J. Quinney College of Law, Associate Dean of the S.J. Quinney College of Law, and the Dean and Associate Dean of the Graduate School as facilitators). Following the Wrap-Up Meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared by the Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Both the report and the Memorandum of Understanding will be sent to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.