

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

CHAired BY: Chuck Wight **TIME:** 3:00 pm
DATE: October 25, 2010 **PLACE:** 300 Park

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Amy Butler, Marjorie Chan, Tom Cova, Darrell Davis, Linda Edelman, Paola Gondolo, Emma Gross, Eric Hinderaker, Vladimir Hlady, Mary Lucero, Allyson Mower, Susan Niemoyer, Ed Ruddell, Lora Tuesday-Heathfield

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Barbanell, Donna White, Chuck Wight

EXCUSED: Martha Eining

FINAL AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 27, 2010 meeting were approved as distributed.

2. Proposal for the creation of the John Moran Institute (JMI)

Greg Jones presented the proposal to the Graduate Council. The new institute will allow for an expansion and broadening of research and will have interdepartmental faculty who will be paid and reviewed by Ophthalmology. There will be three Directors of Research and with the Clinical Director will sit on the Directors' Council.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: To approve the proposal

Vote: Approved unanimously

Action: Inform Dr. Jones of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the Institute proposal. The proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

3. Presentation of the Graduate Council Review for the Department of Ballet

Patrick Tresco presented the Ad Hoc Committee's report to the Graduate Council. The department has a long-standing high reputation and is the second oldest department of ballet in the U.S. The faculty is passionate, accomplished, and dedicated. Their response to their last review showed overall improvement. The department applied for and received their accreditation.

The report commends the department for their faculty scholarship, for fostering students, and for increasing the number of teaching assistantships. In addition, their students expressed their enthusiasm for the program.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: To approve the report as edited

Vote: Approved unanimously

Action: The report will be sent to the Dean of the College of Fine Arts to check for any factual errors. The report will be discussed at the wrap-up meeting (in attendance: Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the College of Fine Arts, Chair of the Department of Ballet 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.

4. Presentation of the Graduate Council Review for the Department of Mining Engineering

Darrell Davis presented the Ad Hoc Committee's report to the Graduate Council. The Department of Mining Engineering has a primarily undergraduate program. There is high employment and high pay for those students graduating with a bachelor's degree. There is, therefore, little incentive for them to go on to graduate school. Currently, there are only five graduate students in the department. The faculty is quite mature with only one faculty member working towards tenure. The department is moving towards doing more research on mining safety.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: To approve the report with changes

Vote: Approved unanimously

Action: The report will be sent to the Dean of the College of Mines and Earth Sciences to check for any factual errors. The report will be discussed at the wrap-up meeting (in attendance: Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the College of Mines and Earth Sciences, Chair of the Department of Mining Engineering 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. Meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM