

Graduate Council Meeting minutes

CHAIRED BY: Donna White

TIME: 3:00 PM

DATE: February 28, 2011

PLACE: 303 Sutton

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Bradley; Amy Butler; Tom Cova; Darrell Davis; Lee Ellington; Emma Gross; Eric Hinderaker; Vladimir Hlady; Chris Lippard; Mary Lucero; Allyson Mower; Ed Ruddell; Lora Tuesday-Heathfield.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Barbanell; Donna White.

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Paolo Gondolo

FINAL AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes

Minutes from the January 31, 2010 meeting were approved with the corrections requested.

2. Discussion of the Structure of Program Reviews

Donna White continued the discussion from the previous Graduate Council meeting regarding the David Eccles School of Business review. The DESB is in favor of a new program review structure that would consist of a team of five external reviewers coming in for their site visit at the same time. The internal team would be structured the same way. This change would streamline the process for the staff and faculty of the School of Business and the Graduate School. Dean Randall has provided his support.

Vote: Approved Unanimously
Abstained: Lee Ellington
Comments: None

An informal survey of other institutions and their structure of program reviews was presented to the Council. The Council members discussed the various structures presented and requested we look at the rest of the PAC 12 universities and see how they structure their reviews. The Council has been asked to consider different review structures for another discussion at a future Graduate Council meeting.

3. Proposal for a graduate emphasis in Organ Performance

Dr. Don Schaefer from the School of Music presented. The emphasis will be small and have one to five students each year. The School of Music already has the resources and facility so it would not require extra money. This emphasis is similar to Piano emphasis already in place. This emphasis is offered in larger universities throughout the country.

Vote: Approved Unanimously
Abstained: None
Comments: None

4. Program Review for Atmospheric Sciences

Eric Hinderaker from the History department presented. The department is small, but works very hard. The external reviewers noted that the program has an international reputation for Western inter- mountain Meteorology, a unique program that sets them apart.

Vote: Approved Unanimously
Abstained: Ed Barbanell
Comments: The Council noted that the university does not know too much about this department. The diversity verbage will be added to the report.

5. Proposal for name change of the M.Phil and Ph.D in Experimental Pathology to the M.S. and Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology

Robert Fujinami from the Pathology department presented. The department is updating their terminology to make it more current and in line with the profession for students and their future employers.

Vote: Approved Unanimously
Abstained: None
Comments: The Counsel requested the proposal add in dates when these changes should be effective.