

## Graduate Council Meeting minutes

**CHAIR**ED BY: Charles Wight

**TIME:** 3:00 PM

**DATE:** March 28, 2011

**PLACE:** 300 Park

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marjorie Chan; Darrell Davis; Lee Ellington; Vladimir Hlady; Mary Lucero; Allyson Mower; Ed Ruddell; Lora Tuesday-Heathfield.

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

**EXCUSED MEMBERS:** Amy Butler; Tom Cova; Martha Eining; Emma Gross; Eric Hinderaker, Chris Lippard.

### FINAL AGENDA

**1. Approval of minutes**

Minutes from the February 28, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

**2. Proposal for Graduate Emphases in the Master of Science in Nursing and the Doctor of Nursing Practice**

Liz Leckie from the College of Nursing Presented.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Abstained: None

Comments: None

**3. Proposal for name change for Behavioral Science and Health**

Ed Barbanell from Undergraduate Studies presented.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Abstained: Martha Bradley

Comments: Ed Barbanell has offered to reformat the proposal to meet R-401 standards.

**4. Graduate Council Review for Oncological Sciences**

Ed Ruddell from the College of Health presented. The Oncological Sciences department is strong and has a strategic vision with outstanding resources, building, and staff. The six year program is only offered to graduate and Ph.D. students. Although the reviewers recommended growing the Department and hiring 6 new faculty members, the number of faculty has remained consistent due to a cycle of new hires but then retirements and retention issues. Huntsman Cancer Institute will be providing five faculty lines for one of the new hires. The question was raised about whether growing the program was in the best interest of the Department. Ed is revising the GC report to include suggestions made by Council members and it will be submitted to Associate Dean White.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Abstained: None

Comments: The committee suggested the program work on their graduate student recruiting by highlighting the training opportunities available and referring students to website resources.

#### **5. Graduate Council Review for Psychology**

Allyson Mower from the Library presented. The department received many great commendations from the reviewers for their research, publications, and teaching. They have strong recruitment that has led to a high number of graduate students, but not enough funding. There is strong diversity in both students and faculty. The facilities have been identified as having safety issues. Despite funding and building issues, the morale is high and there is great leadership.

Vote: Approved Unanimously  
Abstained: None  
Comments: The committee suggested the department work on a strategic plan and a targeted recruitment plan. Allyson will strike recommendation #3) revise #4) as suggested by the Council, and submit the final version to Associate Dean White.

#### **6. Graduate Council Review for Geology and Geophysics**

Lora Tuesday-Heathfield from the College of Education presented. The department of Geology and Geophysics is the largest of the College of Mines and Earth Sciences. The quality of the faculty is high, they have received many teaching awards, and over half the faculty is over the age of 60. Students, both undergraduate and graduate, are enthusiastic of the program. The program has excellent leadership and a strong national and international reputation.

Vote: Approved Unanimously  
Abstained: None  
Comments: The committee suggests the department needs a budget for lab and technical support to help run the office One council member made some suggestions on the wording of recommendation #3). Lora will revise that recommendation and submit the final version to Associate Dean White.