

# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

**CHAired BY:** Chuck Wight

**TIME:** 3:00 PM

**DATE:** January 30, 2012

**PLACE:** 300 Park

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ed Barbanell, Ben Bromley, Marjorie Chan, Tom Cova, Lee Ellington, Eric Hinderaker, Vladimir Hlady, Terry Kogan, Chris Lippard, Mary Lucero, Allyson Mower, Jeff Stratman, Lora Tuesday-Heathfield, Donna White, Chuck Wight, Karen Wilcox

**EXCUSED MEMBERS:** Nan Ellin, Emma Gross, Michael Jensen, Ed Ruddell, Bianca Shreeve

## FINAL AGENDA

### 1. Minutes

Vote: Approved Unanimously  
Abstained: None  
Comments: None

### 2. Proposal for National Science Foundation Materials Research Science & Engineering Center

Anil Virkar from the Department of Materials Science and Engineering. This new center was awarded to the University and has been established since Fall 2011. The center involves 3 colleges and 6 departments. Curriculum will eventually be proposed, but will be housed in the different colleges and departments. The center will be supported for six years, and if no self sustaining funds are in place, the center will lose their NSF title.

Vote: Approved Unanimously  
Abstained: None  
Comments: A new name for the center will be needed to distinguish itself from the National Science Foundation. A letter of support from the Marriott Library is required.

### 3. Graduate Council Review for Anthropology

Mary Lucero from the School of Medicine presented. The Anthropology program has three senior faculty that are very productive and members of the National Academy of Science. The faculty has over 10,000 student contact hours since each faculty member teaches over 4 courses each year. The program needs to focus on hiring new faculty, secure external funding, and improve facilities.

Vote: Approved Unanimously  
Abstained: None  
Comments: The committee made some changes to the report and approved it as amended.

### 4. Proposal for Master of Science in Geographic Information Science

George Hepner from the College of Social Behavioral Science presented. There has been a demand for this type of masters program for the past few years. This would be a professional program that would focus on course work so as professionals looking for an in depth view of GIS would not receive a lot of research and theory.

Vote: Approved  
Abstained: Tom Cova  
Comments: None