

Graduate Council Meeting minutes

CHAIRED BY: Charles Wight

TIME: 4:00 PM

DATE: November 29, 2010

PLACE: 300 Park

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Marjorie Chan; Darrell Davis; Linda Edelman; Vladimir Hlady; Mary Lucero; Allyson Mower; Susan Neimoyer; Lora Tuesday-Heathfield.

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

FINAL AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes

Minutes from the October 25, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

2. Presentation for the Proposal for the establishment of graduate emphases for the School of Computing and Department of Film and Media Arts

Presenters included Robert Kessler from the School of Computing and Kevin Hanson from the Dept. of Film and Media Arts. Students today are looking for specific jobs and these emphases are specific to their needs. The library is willing to help with a copyright session.

The committee approved the proposal unanimously and will be forwarded to VP Pershing's office for Senate review.

3. Presentation of the Graduate Council Review of Metallurgical Engineering

Presenter included Paolo Gondolo from the Department of Physics and Astronomy. The department has been distinguished as a top metallurgical engineering department in the country based upon the faculty. The undergraduate program is small, but students are pleased with faculty and staff. There is low student recruitment for undergraduates, but graduate student recruitment is high due to faculty members. The program will receive 6 years of accreditation and is compared favorably to other programs in the nation. There is strong leadership within the department. Updated laboratories have increased efforts towards high school recruitment, increased external funding and research opportunities available for both undergraduate and graduate.

Committee members questioned whether the metallurgical engineering department should join the engineering department. Past efforts to do this have been unsuccessful, but engineering could be open with letting them join in on their recruitment efforts. Committee members questioned whether the library is subscribing to the right journals and suggested a faculty member should meet with the library to make sure the right publications are available.

The committee approved the review unanimously, but recommends the department communicate specifically within the University about the department's quality and high national recognition.