# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

CHAIRED BY: David Kieda TIME: 12:00pm

DATE: August 31, 2015 PLACE: Park 300

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Krishnan Anand, Isabel Dulfano, Cedric Feschotte, Tim Garrett, Laura Kessler, Ginny Pepper, Lien Shen, Ryan Smith, Linda St. Clair, Valeria Molinero, Vanessa Stevens, Mary Jane Taylor, Bryan Trump, Julie Wambaugh

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Lyndi Duff, David Kieda, Abigail Ririe, Donna White

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Chuck Hansen, Richard Paine, Mary Jane Taylor, Audrey Thompson

FINAL AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dean Kieda welcomed the Graduate Council to the first meeting of the 2014-15 academic year. New members on the Council this year include Isabel Dulfano (Humanities), Cedric Feschotte (Medicine), Richard Paine (Social & Behavioral Science), Lien Shen (Fine Arts), Audrey Thompson (Education), and Julie Wambaugh (Health).

**2. Program Review: Education, Culture, and Society**

Krishnan Anand from the Graduate School presented the program review for the Department of Education, Culture, and Society.

Vote: Approved unanimously

Abstained:

Comments: A question for the wrap up meeting: Why does ECS have so many PhD students (63), but have only graduated 18 in the last seven years between reviews? A question about completion rates for PhD will be added to recommendation number 4 (*d*).

There is a concern about the recommendation to reduce the number of students which could simultaneously result in a reduction in funding. This is a topic for the wrap-up meeting.

**3. Graduate Catalog: Maintenance Responsibility**

Lyndi Duff from Curriculum Administration presented.

Comments: <http://catalogue.utah.edu>. The Graduate Catalog is somewhat lacking in information, particularly historical information. Much of this information is dispersed through departments or lost with the coming or going of faculty. Having a separate, complete Graduate Catalogue would provide a necessary historical record, as well as provide an emphasis on graduate students. Lyndi will disperse information for the Council to review on this topic via Abi Ririe. The Council will discuss this topic next time.

**4. Proposal: Utah Robotics Center**

John Hollerbach from the School of Computing and Mark Minor from the Department of Mechanical Engineering presented a proposal for a new center, the Utah Robotics Center.

Vote: Approved unanimously

Abstained:

Comments: More information about Utah Robotics can be found at <http://robotics.coe.utah.edu/>. The center will take a broad view of robotics from micro to macro. Collaborations exist with the School of Medicine, College of Science, and Department of Ballet.

One benefit is that externally the center will be viewed as a cohesive unit for the study of robotics at the university. Projecting far into the future, the center might be transformed into an institute. Some larger grants can only be obtained for an academic unit with center status. This center could also attract top graduate students to the university.

The Council would like to have confirmation that the center will have a website that is regularly maintained by a contact person.

The Council requests that part of the “Need” section of the proposal ought to discuss the need for a central location for the First Robotics program for the state of Utah.

The Council would like the center to address whether an advisory board will be in place, or if this would be a useful group to the center.

**5. Proposal: Global Medicine Certificate (Second Presentation)**

Ty Dickerson from the Division of Public Health presented a proposal for a new graduate certificate in Global Medicine. (This is the second time the Council is reviewing this proposal.) The questions raised by the Council were each addressed by Dr. Dickerson.

Vote: Approved unanimously

Abstained:

Comments: There is a letter of support from the director of the certificate for Global Medicine in Public Health.

The Senate will want to see documentation of review by the curriculum committee, and faculty support.

**6. Proposal: Name Change to Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences**

Dr. Satoshi Minoshima from the Department of Radiology presented a proposal to change the name from Department of Radiology to Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences.

Vote: Approved unanimously

Abstained:

Comments: From a patient perspective, radiology is still the recognizable reference to the science. Costs will include changing letterhead, business cards, and potentially needing to change signs in the hospital, although generally these signs refer to specific divisions (ie: CT or MRI).

**7. Program Review Process**

Donna White and Denise Haynie presented an overview of the Graduate Council review process and outlined duties of Council members serving on review ad hoc committees. They indicated they are available to answer any questions Council members may have about the review process and preparation of summary reports.

**9. Proposal: Center for Engineering Innovation (Second Presentation)**

Dr. Florian Solzbacher presented a proposal to establish the provisional Center for Engineering Innovation as a University of Utah center. (This is the second time the Council is reviewing this proposal.) The questions raised by the Council were each addressed by Florian Solzbacher.

Vote: Approved unanimously

Abstained:

Comments: No curriculum will be offered. An organizational chart has been created.

**10. FYI: Discontinue the Provisionally Approved Center for Global Justice**

Time of Adjournment 2:04pm.

The next Council meeting will be 28 September 2015 at 3:00pm in the Winder Board Room, Park 300.

Due to the full agenda for this meeting items not addressed at this meeting will be forwarded to next month’s agenda.