

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2010

Members Present: Erevelles, Sunil - Marketing
Gray, Lee – Arts + Architecture
Jones, Jeanneine – Middle, Secondary and K-12 Education
Kulkarni, Shanti – Social Work
Manouchehrabadi, Mahnaz - GPSG Student Representative
Mays, Larry – Bioinformatics & Genomics
McGregor, Rob Roy – Economics Department (Graduate Council Chair)
Mozenter, Frada – Atkins Library
Schneider, Stan (BIOL) alternate for Greg Mixon (Hist)
Sell, Susan (Graduate School) alternate for Dean Tom Reynolds
Steck, Todd – Biology
Teng, Gary – Engineering Management

Members Absent: Teresa Scheid (SOCY) alternate for Tony Jackson (English)

Also Attending: Johnna Watson – Graduate School

I. Approval of the April 27 and September 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Chair McGregor called the meeting to order and called for the approval of the September 14, 2010 meeting minutes. Chair McGregor communicated two revisions to the minutes: Page 1, Item II, under Report of the Chair, Charles Bodkin's title is President of the Faculty and Page 5 Item VII, Chair asked the subcommittees to elect a chair. There being no other revisions, the Chair called for the motion to approve the minutes with the stated revisions. The motion was made by Erevelles and seconded by Jones. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair McGregor stated that the April 27, 2010 meeting was an extra meeting scheduled to complete discussion items V and VI from the April 6 Graduate Council Meeting on Graduate Admissions criteria. The Chair also stated that the minutes for this meeting were more detailed than usual to clarify questions raised. The Chair asked the Council if they liked this much detail or would prefer summarization. The Council voted and unanimously preferred less detail and more summarization. The Chair also suggested deferring approval of the April 27 meeting minutes to the November 2, 2010 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. Report of the Chair

Chair McGregor reported that Jeanneine Jones, Education Faculty member and member of the Graduate Council was voted one of the finalists for the Bank of America Teaching Award. He congratulated her on this important honor.

Chair McGregor recognized Johnna Watson (Graduate School) and asked her to report on her continuing research of a potential 5 Year BA/MA proposal. The first reading of this proposal was at the September 14 meeting.

Watson reported that she met with Janet Levy, Undergraduate Council Chair and was advised to put this in the form of a long form course proposal. It would need to go through the Undergraduate review process simultaneously with the Graduate Council review process. Levy suggested that a request for “concept” approval be vetted for approval. Then move forward with specific program requests.

A discussion took place by the Graduate Council and Council was in agreement to approve the concept and favors creating a model (like the Early Entry Boiler Plate) to use.

III. Report of the Dean

Susan Sell (Graduate School) was in attendance representing Dean Tom Reynolds.

- Sell reported on stats for students applying to graduate. To date, there were 740 applications with 53 of those being PhD’s.
- Upcoming events – Oct. 14 New PhD reception in the CGL, Oct. 19, Graduate School to host an “Open House” for prospective students. Program Coordinators and other Academic and Student Support Services were invited.
- Sell distributed a copy of *The Graduate Source* a newsletter produced by the Graduate School as a resource for funding graduate education.
- Sell also shared information advertised in *The Chronicle for Higher Education* regarding the National Research Institute’s (NRC) ranking system of about 5000 university’s doctoral programs. This interactive tool is free for a limited time to see how doctoral programs are ranked at other universities.

IV. Reports from the subcommittees:

Standards & Assessment: no report.

Planning: no report

Course & Curriculum: no report

V. Other Business

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Parks
Secretary to the Graduate Council