

Graduate Council Minutes

September 23, 2005

The Graduate Council met at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Library Conference Room. Chair Jeff Walck presided.

I. Call to Order

Members present: Rich Barnet, Michael Hein, Monte Hendrickson, William Ilsley, Zeny Panol, Jonathan Sanders, Saleh Sbenaty, Marc Singer, and Jane Williams

Ex-officio members present: Pamela Knox, Associate Dean College of Graduate Studies

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Jeffrey Walck Chair

- Dr. Walck handed out updated lists of Graduate Council and sub-committee members

B. Dr. Abdul Rao

- No announcements

C. Dr. Pamela Knox

- No announcements

III. Approval of Minutes – May 18, 2005

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review

Dr. Marc Singer

- Consent calendar attached – all items have been recommended for approval. Concern was voiced regarding the revisions in curriculum for HPERs; it was felt that more information was needed to make a decision. A motion was made to accept the consent calendar for approval with the removal of the HPERs curriculum change, pending further information. The motion was seconded and carried.

B. Student Affairs and Travel

Jonathan Sanders

- The committee began the year with an opening balance of \$32,652.00. Fifteen travel grants were awarded during the summer with an ending balance of \$25,714.00. The committee is currently reviewing an additional 18 applications.
- Dr. Novella will be contacting Dr. Knox and Lynn Parker in the College of Graduate Studies to develop forms and criteria for the award of grants under the new Graduate Research and Scholarship program.

C. Policies and Procedures

Dr. Jane Williams

- No report

D. Graduate Program Review

Dr. Michael Hein, Chair

- No report

V. Old Business

- The status of the Masters of Professional Studies (RODP) was questioned as it was taken off the consent calendar of the last Graduate Council meeting in May 2005 pending a clear statement of purpose as well as a definition of the term strategic professional leadership as it pertains to this degree. Dr. Walck will check the status and report back to the council at the next meeting.

VI. New Business

- Discussion was held regarding international student applicants and the challenges involved in getting VISAS due to new restrictions imposed by Homeland Security after 9/11. Dr. Knox met with Angie Melton in International Services to discuss the process and timeline for applications. International students must apply by October 1st in order to be admitted for the following fall semester. International Services holds an orientation for students prior to the beginning of the semester however attendance is voluntary and not mandated. Discussion was held regarding the legality of making this orientation mandatory. The Policies and Procedures Sub-Committee will check with Affirmative Action/EEOC to determine if this is something that can be done and report back to the council at the next meeting.
- The floor was opened for nominations for a Vice-Chair; the Vice-Chair will also assume the responsibility of Chair for the 2006-2007 Graduate Council. Marc Singer was nominated; the nomination was seconded and carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Lynn Parker
Recording Secretary

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Graduate Council – Consent Calendar September 23, 2005

Graduate Faculty Membership

Adjunct Membership

Francisco Panol / Mass Communication

Associate Membership – Initial Appointment – Level 1

Mohammed Albakry / English
Alyson Smith Bass / Elementary & Special Education
Laura Brantley / Psychology
Charles Perry / ETIS
Sandra Poirier / Human Sciences
Robyn Ridgley / Human Sciences
Leslie Sharp / History

Full – Initial Appointment

George Riordan / Music

Full – Re-Appointment

Susan Harmon / Management & Marketing
Jan Quarles / Electronic Media Communication
Tom Strawman / English
Norman Weatherby / Human Performance