

Minutes of **University Graduate Council**
October 27, 2011

Present: Chair Warren Jones (ENGR), Charles Ericksen (BUS), Carl Fox (GS), Jane Scharff (NURS), William Ruff (EDUC), Michael Reidy (L&S- Letters), Yves Idzerda (L&S- Science), Kathryn Plymesser (Student Rep.). Also in attendance was Donna Negaard (GS), Mark Nelson (HHD) and John Neumeier (Physics).

Meeting commenced at 2:35 p.m. in 114 Sherrick Hall.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for September 22, 2011 – moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Open Campus Forum

None

UGC Committee Reports

None

Status of Chair-elect nomination

- a. Michael Reidy accepts nomination

HHD Name Change

- a. The Department of Health & Human development proposes that the Counseling program be changed from M.S. in Health & Human Development with Counseling option to M.S. in Counseling with Mental Health or Marriage and Family option.
- b. This name change will better represent the student's education and allow clarification for students and department during initial application process.
- c. Moved and seconded for approval.

Graduation Education Enhancement Proposals

- a. Committee of Research Council made a series of recommendations to Provost and V.P of Research who will meet to discuss proposals.
- b. Research council hoping to making common proposals from departments campus-wide.

Status of Application Process/Royall

- a. New online application vendor, Royall, is not compatible with The Graduate School expectations.
- b. Discussion of other options are ongoing.

Completion of Masters/Doctoral program

- a. Policy to begin timeline for master's and doctoral students from term of student enrollment into accepted degree program rather than earliest term of course on program of study.
- b. Proposed policy needs to be revised to make terms of degree timeline clearer.

Revising 'Petition to Reserve/Register for Credits' form

- a. Two options on the form pertain to undergraduates taking graduate level courses and The Graduate School is wondering if they should be involved in that registration process.
- b. More thought will be put into the topic and revisited next meeting.

Revisions to Campus Processes for Approval of Curricula and Programs

- a. Faculty Senate and steering committees evaluating current processes and trying to streamline committee work in response to University changes.
- b. Consideration of Faculty Senate being added to line of coursework approval.
- c. Faculty Senate will continue to discuss proposal of faculty having more oversight of curriculum.

Adjourned 4:06 p.m.

Karissa Wivholm, UGC Secretary
The Graduate School