

Minutes of **University Graduate Council**
November 6, 2008

Present: Rollin Beamish (A & A), Bonita Peterson (BUS), William Ruff (EHHD), Robert Maher (ENGR), Carl Fox (DGE), Robert Bennett (L&S-Letters), CHAIR Yves Idzerda (L&S-Science), Rita Cheek (NURS), Megan Selheim (STUDENT), Tanya Skurski (STUDENT).

Also attending were Dr. Linda Hyman, Vice Provost of Health Services and Director of WWAMI, Sheila Nielsen-Preiss, Professional Services Advising and Donna Negaard (DGE).

Following lunch from the Habit, the meeting commenced at 12:20 p.m. in 114 Sherrick.

Approval of Minutes of October 23, 2008

Motion: Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes as amended.
Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Open Campus Forum

- No one spoke up at this time.

UGC Committee Reports

- Policies and Procedures
 - Members are: Tim, Bonita, Robert M., Yves and Tanya
 - Request that this committee review the policies regarding the comp exam and see if the student knows what is to be expected and if the exams are fair though out the campus.
- Governance
 - Members are: Rita, Carl and Yves
 - No report at this time
- Curriculum
 - Members are: Rollin, William, Robert B. and Megan
 - May need to assist with issues related to common course numbering
 - It was suggested to review the new graduate course approval request process.

Staff Reports

- 570 feedback – all positive remarks coming back regarding the change to move the final approval of 570s to the departments

Master of Science Health Sciences Option

- Would like to have approval from UGC and MSU before the BOR regents meeting in January
- Would like to have program available for fall 09 semester
- This option would help prepare students who may have already gotten a degree in another field and are now changing professions and would like to go onto medical school or other professional medical schools
- This master's would also be an educational opportunity for students who may want an advanced degree but may not be interested in going onto medical school.
- This option would help fill the needs for more advanced education in our state and other rural areas
- There would be four areas of emphasis
 - Community Health

- Molecular Medicine
 - International
 - Health & Medicine
- 30 credit program, 24 credits course work plus 6 credits of research/scholarly project credits
- Would have courses already available from several different colleges on campus as discussed with the appropriate Dean of the colleges and specific departments and programs that would be affected.
- Students would also have access to courses offered on-line from Masters in Public Health from Missoula and the Masters in Health Administrations from Billings
- **VOTE: Give positive recommendation to Carl for the Master of Science Health Science Degree in Health Sciences**
 - Unanimously approved

Nominations for Vice Chair is on hold until the next meeting

Graduate Student Advisory Committee Preliminary Meeting

- Identify goals and guidelines for the group
- Identify how many and which students will serve on the committee
- Provide sounding board for students to bring ideas to DGE and also allow DGE to bring ideas to students for feedback
- Allows feedback from students across all areas
- One area of concern is having a graduate student be a liaison between students and department

Employment Authorization Forms

- General Feedback is that the form is useful for advisors
- Questions about why we ask for the form
- The form provides helpful communication that could be provided in a different matter
- A decision will be made at the next UGC meeting to determine the outcome of the form

New Program/Degree Updates

- MSU American Studies PhD program proposal is complementary to the University of Montana American Studies PhD program proposal. The two universities are working together to make sure they are clarifying the need and differences of the two different programs so they have the information ready for the proposals when they go to the Board of Regents.
- Engineering Management Program involves three college including Business, Engineering, and Letters & Science are looking to get an external group of business people from the community to help access the needs they would have such a program from MSU
- Inland Northwest Research Alliance – looking for integrated research program that would focus on large scale energy or water focused issues

Future Meetings

- Next meeting set for December 11th

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Donna Negaard,
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