Council on Graduate Studies
Minutes
February 7, 2012

The February 7, 2012 meeting of the Council on Graduate Studies was held at 2:00 p.m. in 3108 Blair Hall.

Members Present: Dr. Nora Pat Small, Dr. Rendong Bai, Dr. Carrie Dale, Dr. John Willems, Dr. Wesley Allan, Dr. Assege HaileMariam, Dr. Newton Key, Ms. Sanja Trtanj, and Dr. Brent Walker

Members Absent: Dr. Andrew McNitt

Staff Present: Ms. Lori Henderson, Mr. Bill Elliott, Ms. Patti Bailey, Dr. Mary Herrington-Perry

Guests: Dr. Peter Liu

I. Approval of the January 17, 2012 CGS Meeting Minutes.
Nora Pat Small motioned to approve, Wesley Allan seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

II. Communications:

a. College Curriculum Committee Minutes:
   3. Grade appeals report from the CEPS
   4. Grade appeals report from the CAH
   5. Grade appeals report from the COS

b. Approved Executive Actions

c. Reviewed Executive Actions

III. Items Added to the Agenda (Today):
Council was unanimous in adding these items to the agenda.
   1. 12-03, MBA 5001, Business Operations in Sustainable Energy Facilities, New Course Proposal
   2. 12-04, ELE 4850, Exploring ELLs through Study Abroad, New Course Proposal

IV. Items Acted Upon
   1. 11-48, MS in Sustainable Energy, New Program Proposal
Peter Liu presented the proposal again with the Council’s requested changes from the last meeting; primarily the addition of a requirement of a written comprehensive knowledge exam. Council approved the program unanimously.

2. **12-01**, Add CESL from SIU-C to list of acceptable ways to meet the English language mastery requirements for international student admissions

Bill Elliott presented and Council approved with one abstention.

3. **11-54**, Proposal to Participate in the MAGS Teaching Assistant Awards Program

Council sent proposal back for addition of more inclusive language- it will remain on the agenda

V. Committee Reports:
- **Textbook Advisory**- John Willems, no meeting
- **Library Advisory**- Newton Key, meeting tomorrow
- **Academic Technology (ATAC)**- Rendong Bai reported 4 LRM’s were demoed on campus
- **Enrollment Management**- Dean Augustine, not here
- **Honorary Degree**- John Willems reported in Andy McNitt’s absence- nominations are impressive, Feb. 20 committee meets again
- **GSAC**- Bill Elliott, Carrie Dale- no meetings
- **Council on Assessment of Student Learning**- Nora Pat Small- meeting in subcommittees and working to determine how to assess global learning and critical thinking
- **Enrollment Quality and Diversity Board**- Assege HaileMariam, no report
- **Team Grants Council**- Wesley Allan, haven’t met

VII. Other Items

Selection of a nominee to represent the CGS on the Taskforce on Electronic and Online Learning Materials (which was created by the Faculty Senate in response to the white paper drafted by the School of Business)

Carrie Dale nominated John Willems, Newton Key seconded the nomination and the Council elected John Willems to serve as the CGS rep on this committee.

VIII. Dean’s Report:

Not in attendance

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. —Minutes prepared by Lori Henderson, Staff

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