The March 6, 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. Newton Key, Dr. Assege HaileMariam, and Dr. Brent Walker

**Members Absent:** Dr. Andrew McNitt, Dr. Wesley Allan, Ms. Sanja Trtanj

**Staff Present:** Dean Augustine, Ms. Lori Henderson, Ms. Patti Bailey, Dr. Mary Herrington-Perry

**Guests:** Dr. Dan Sheeran, Dr. Barbara Lawrence, Dr. Joy Russell, Dr. Linda Reven

I. **Approval of the February 21, 2012 CGS Meeting Minutes.**

Nora Pat Small motioned to approve, John Willems seconded- the minutes were approved as written by acclamation.

II. **Communications:**

a. **College Curriculum Committee Minutes:**
   1. February 24, 2012, College of Sciences Curriculum Committee minutes.
   2. February 27, 2012, College of Education and Professional Studies Curriculum Committee minutes.

b. **Approved Executive Actions**

c. **Reviewed Executive Actions**

III. **Items Added to the Agenda (Today):**

1. **12-06, BIO 4958, Parasitology, Revised Course Proposal**
2. **12-07a-b, Dual Master’s Degree Policies**

Council approved by acclamation to add these items to the agenda for next month’s meeting

IV. **Items Acted Upon**

Nora Pat Small motioned to waive council policy and add and act on this item at today’s meeting, John Willems seconded- Council approved by acclamation to address this item today.

1. **12-05, Proposal to offer accelerated BA/MS program in Chemistry**

Dan Sheeran and Barbara Lawrence presented the proposal. After discussion Council suggested that in the middle paragraph of the narrative, the word “should” be changed to “are required” except for the first sentence in that paragraph. Council approved this proposal.

VI. **Committee Reports:**

**Textbook Advisory**- John Willems, no meeting, special task force will try to meet this week

**Library Advisory**- Newton Key, no meeting
VII. Other Items
(agenda was taken out of order to accommodate guests- these reports were given before the committee reports)

IBHE Review Reports
Dr. Linda Reven, graduate coordinator for Elementary Education and Dr. Joy Russell, chair for Department of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education
Dr. Brent Walker, graduate coordinator for Kinesiology and Sport Studies

VIII. Dean’s Report:
Dean Augustine and Mary Herrington-Perry reported that many of the Noel-Levitz recommendations have been implemented and that numbers are improving for Fall 2013. The 3 areas that the consultants are reporting on are: recruiting, enrollment, and retention. Dean Augustine reported that the International office has been meeting with consultant Pamela Barton regarding international recruitment and that the International office is interviewing ESL companies.

Rendong Bai left at 3:05 pm
Carrie Dale and Brent Walker left at 3:30 pm
The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. —Minutes prepared by Lori Henderson, Staff

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