# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

Attending: Jeff Clark, Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, Robert Littlefield, Miriam Mara, Robert Nielsen, Birgit Pruess, Wenfang Sun, Yildrim Suzen, Donna Terbizan, McKenzie Woods, Jason Zurn

Guests: Carol Archbold, Criminal Justice; Cathy Marks, Graduate School; Gary Totten, Criminal Justice; Dean Webster, Coatings and Polymeric Materials

Call to order

Dr. Wittrock called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
Birgit Pruess made a motion to approve the December 12, 2012 meeting minutes with one spelling correction. Bob Nielsen provided the second. Motion carried.

Curriculum Committee

Criminal Justice and Coatings and Polymeric Materials presented proposals for an accelerated bachelors/masters programs for their departments. Potential students would have to go through the application process, the same as any potential graduate student. Both programs would allow students to use graduate credits for both the master’s and bachelor’s degree.

The benefit for departments is the ability to keep quality undergraduate students at NDSU to pursue the master’s degree without the expense of graduate stipends/tuition waivers. Tuition from these programs can then be used to provide stipends to Ph.D. students.

Concerns raised by the council include quality of these programs, including the quality of a thesis produced in an accelerated program.

Teaching Waivers

Donna Terbizan made a motion to approve a teaching waiver for Kristi Paulson Mingus to teach COMM 750 Business and Professional Communication spring, pending receiving rationale as to why the request was submitted late. Miriam Mara provided the second. Motion carried.

Robert Littlefield made a motion to approve a teaching waiver for Poyraz Kayabas to teach IME 470/670 Operations I spring 2013 and IME 460/660 Evaluation of Engineering Data summer 2013, pending receiving rationale as to why the request was submitted late. Donna Terbizan provided the second. Motion carried.

The requests from Transportation and Logistics were not reviewed as they did not indicate the specific courses to be taught.

Dean Wittrock dismissed the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Selders-Ortez