# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

Attending: Jeff Clark, Robert Littlefield, Miriam Mara, Robert Nielsen, Wenfang Sun, Boren Suzen, Donna Terbizan, Mary Wright, Jason Zurn

Call to order

Dr. Wittrock called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes  
Donna Terbizan made a motion to approve the October 24, 2012 meeting minutes. Boren Suzen provided the second. Motion carried.

Teaching Waivers

Robert Nielsen made a motion to approve a teaching waiver for Kai Western to teach COMM

Miriam Mara provided the second. Motion carried.

Miriam Mara made a motion to approve a teaching waiver for Amanda Haire to teach

HDFS 775: Clinical Applications in Couple and Family Therapy I. Jeff Clark provided the second. Motion carried.

Curriculum Committee

Robert Littlefield made a motion to approve the course proposals approved by the Curriculum Committee. Robert Nielsen provided the second. Motion carried.

Robert Nielsen made a motion to approve the STEM Education dual Ph.D. program. Wenfang Sun provided the second. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Dean Wittrock has included funding for family leave for graduate assistants in a budget proposal given to the Provost. This funding would include modified duties. The proposal also asks for monies to provide health insurance for graduate assistants.

Dean Wittrock will hold an open forum on November 27 at 2 p.m. to present and discussed proposed policy changes regarding the number of master’s committee members, dismissal policy and 800 level courses. Council members are asked to bring any feedback they receive to the Council meeting the next day.

Dean Wittrock presented draft language regarding changes to Ph.D. credit requirements. This language leaves the number of credits up to department, but requires departments to have clear, measurable objectives and outcomes. After discussion, the Council asked the dean to bring examples of outcomes for Ph.D. programs.

Dean Wittrock dismissed the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Selders-Ortez