# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Attending: Jeff Clark, Miriam Mara, Robert Nielsen, Birgit Pruess, Wenfang Sun, Donna Terbizan, Mary Wright, Jason Zurn

Call to order

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

Approval of Minutes  
Birgit Pruess made a motion to approve the November 28, 2012 meeting minutes. Jason Zurn provided the second. Motion carried.

Curriculum Committee

Bob Nielsen made a motion to approve the course proposals approved by the Curriculum Committee. Birgit Pruess provided the second. Motion carried.

Teaching Waivers

Bob Nielsen made a motion to approve a teaching waiver for Joshua Samuels to teach Historical Anthropology Spring 2013. Donna Terbizan provided the second. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

All three of the policy measures passed. Dean Wittrock said changes will need to be made to Policy 335 to reflect our policy changes. He would also like to look at the current appeals process to determine if changes should be made.

Dean Wittrock talked about recruiting students who have funding from their home governments. NDSU is expanding its language training to accommodate the conditional admission of students based on the performance in the ELS courses. The belief is that the highest level of ELS is equivalent to our institutional minimum TOEFL score, but does not qualify to be a teaching assistant.

Discussion continued regarding the credit requirements for doctoral students. We must continue to require the 90 post-bachelor’s but perhaps remove the didactic credit requirements. The dean will tweak the language for this proposed change and bring to the Council in January.

Dean Wittrock dismissed the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Selders-Ortez