# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Attending: Gordon Bierwagen, Jeff Clark, Rob Gordon, Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, Robert Littlefield, Miriam Mara, Robert Nielsen, Birgit Pruess, Mark Sheridan, Yildrim Suzen, McKenzie Woods, Mary Wright, Jason Zurn

Call to order

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

Approval of Minutes
Mary Wright made a motion to approve the February 13, 2013 meeting minutes. Yildrim Suzen provided the second. Motion carried.

Announcements

Dr. Wittrock informed the Graduate Council that Larry Peterson is gathering a group to brainstorm ideas for streamlining and updating the course and program proposal, assessment, and, program review process.

The President, Provost and deans will have another mini-retreat to discuss goal and objectives for the institution.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the first Ph.D. degree awarded at NDSU. Five Ph.D.’s were conferred that year. One of those graduates is still living and has been invited to attend the spring commencement ceremony. The dean hopes to hold a broader celebration later in the year.

Teaching Waivers

Gordon Bierwagen made a motion to approve the teaching waiver for Diomo Motuba to teach transportation and logistics courses if adjunct status is not approved prior to summer semester. Robert Littlefield provided the second. Motion approved.

Curriculum Committee

Miriam Mara made a motion to approve the course proposals listed on the agenda. Jeff Clark provided the second. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Bob Nielsen made a motion to approve policies for the accelerated BS/MS programs. Gordon Bierwagen provided the second. Motion carried.

Dean Wittrock continued the discussion regarding changed the current graduate appeals process and updating the Ph.D. requirements.

Dean Wittrock dismissed the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Selders-Ortez