**Graduate Council Meeting Minutes**

**August 27, 2014**

Attending: Jeff Clark, Kambiz Farahmand, Kendra Greenlee, Kathryn Gordon, Brenda Hall, Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, Joel Hektner, Samee Khan, Kasey Maddock-Carlin, Miriam Mara, Hesam Sarvghad Moghaddam, Thomas Wahl, Jason Zurn

**Teaching Waiver Request**

Miriam Mara made a motion to approve the teaching waiver request from Materials and Nanotechnology for Khang Hoang. Brenda Hall provided the second. Motion carried.

Kendra Greenlee made a motion to approve the teaching waiver request fromSociology/Anthropology for Jayme Job. Kambiz Farahmand provided the second. Motion carried.

Joel Hektner made a motion to approve the teaching waiver request from Sociology/Anthropology for Edward Avery-Natale. Miriam Mara provided the second. Motion carried.

**College Reorganization**

Dr. Wittrock reported that the College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies was reorganized in over the summer. University Studies and Distance and Continuing Education are now overseen by the Provost’s Office. This change should not have an impact on the Graduate School budget.

**Affordable Healthcare Act (AHA)**

Dr. Wittrock distributed an information sheet regarding AHA. Under this act, anyone who works a total of 1,560 hours (including all positions on campus) must be offered the employee healthcare benefit. As such the Graduate School will no longer approve exceptions to the 20 hour per week policy for graduate assistants. Representatives from Human Resources/Payroll will be at the September Graduate Leaders meeting to discuss AHA.

**Priorities for the 2013-14 Year**

The following topics are Graduate Council priorities for the coming academic year:

* Affordable Healthcare Act
* Revisions to doctoral student policies
* Revisions to the assistantship policy
* Implement by-laws for the Graduate Council

Other Items

Dr. Wittrock emailed a link to a report from Eva Klein & Associates for the Research and Technology report.

Dr. Wittrock is also working on doctoral completion rate information.