

Graduate Council Minutes

February 10, 2009

The February meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order by Dr. David Wittrock at 8:40 am, February 10, 2009 in the Peace Garden Room in Memorial Union.

In attendance: Betsy Birmingham, Ann Burnett, Javier Delgado, Verlin Hinsz, Brandy Randall, Rodney Traub.

Minutes

The minutes for the January 13, 2008 meeting were considered. Ann Burnett made a motion to approve the minutes. Betsy Birmingham provided the second. Motion carried.

Course Proposals

Rodney Traub asked for guidance from the Council with regard to the amount of detail to be included to differentiate undergraduate and graduate work for a 400/600 level course. He provided examples of courses the Curriculum Committee reviewed this month. The Council recommended that the syllabus include enough information for students to follow what they will need to do, or provide a statement saying more details will be given in class.

Rodney Traub made a motion to table the Statistics courses to ask for more graduate work detail and approve the remaining courses. Ann Burnett provided the second. Motion carried.

Cereal Science Name Change

A request was submitted to change the name of the Cereal Science degree program to Cereal and Food Sciences. Ann Burnett made a motion to approve this request. Betsy Birmingham provided the second. Motion carried.

Faculty Status Structure

Dr. Wittrock reviewed the proposed policy he sent to the Council. This policy keeps the associate graduate status the same, but with four categories within that status. He also removed the provision for reviewing this status every six years. Dr. Wittrock will schedule an Open Forum with regard to this proposed policy, but asked if the Council would allow the proposed policy to be used to take care of the backlog of requests.

Brandy Randall made a motion to use the proposed faculty status policy be used to review the backlog of associate graduate faculty requests. Ann Burnett provided the second. Motion carried.

ECS Course Equivalencies

The ECS program is in the process of developing a dual degree program with a university in Bangkok, Thailand. The program provided a list of equivalent courses between the universities. The Council asked that the program provide a copy of the agreement when ready to the Graduate Council for review.

Thesis/Dissertation Committee

There are two documents on Blackboard from this committee, which stemmed from the quality discussion at the fall retreat. At the March meeting the Council will discuss the committee's proposed changes and the student process should these changes be made.

At 9:50 a.m., Dr. Wittrock adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Selders-Ortez