

# ***Graduate Council Meeting Minutes***

October 13, 2009

Attending: Allan Ashworth, Ann Burnett, Javier Delgado, Karen Froelich, Shahryar Kianian, Brandy Randall, Chengwen Sun, Kim Vonnahme, Charlene Wolf-Hall

## **Call to order**

Dr. Wittrock called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

## **Approval of minutes**

Ann Burnett made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8 Graduate Council meeting. Brandy Randall provided the second. The minutes were approved as written.

## **New Programs**

The Curriculum Committee put forth a recommendation to approve the new program proposal for the Masters of Public Health. Motion carried.

The Curriculum Committee put forth a recommendation to approve the new program proposal for the Ph.D. program in Developmental Science. Motion carried.

## **Course Proposals**

Ann Burnett made a motion to approve the course proposals listed on the agenda, excluding PHRM 710, 715 and 716. Brandy Randall provided the second. Motion carried.

## **Program Changes**

The Curriculum Committee put forth a recommendation to approve the prefix changes for the College of Business. Motion carried.

## **Teaching Waivers/Associate Graduate Faculty Requests**

Ann Burnett made a motion to approve the request for Associate Graduate Faculty Status for Charlette Moe. Brandy Randall provided the second. Motion carried.

## **Addition Items**

Dr. Wittrock brought to the Council information regarding a dual degree program between the department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics and Konkuk

University in Korea. The question was posed as to how the Council wishes to handle these programs: as an extension of the transfer credit policy or using the GPIDEA model. A copy of the memorandum of understanding for this program will be brought to the next meeting for a broader discussion about quality.

Dr. Wittrock asked the Council if dates and names of instructors are necessary on the Plan of Study form. Currently, they are required, but it hinders students from turning in their PoS in a timely fashion as these items change. Ann Burnett made a motion that these two columns be made option and notation be made on the PoS to indicate changes to these items do not need to be approved by the Graduate School.

Dr. Wittrock asked the Council to consider whether or not the current 1 year residency requirement for doctoral students be changed. This poses a similar issue to the agreements with foreign institutions. After discussion, Dr. Wittrock indicated the College of Agriculture, Food Systems and Natural Resources may come to the Council with a suggestion to change this policy.

All of these issues really bring the Council back to the issue of what the Council is comfortable doing to ensure the quality of graduate education.

### **Adjournment**

Dr. Wittrock adjourned the meeting at 9:47.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Selders-Ortez