# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes February 22, 2012

Attending: Karen Froelich, Robert Gordon, Canan Bilen-Green, Kendra Erickson-Dockter, Robert Littlefield, Robert Nielsen, Birgit Pruess, Mark Sheridan, Courtney Simons, Wenfang Sun, Yildrem Suzen, Donna Terbizan, Mary Wright

Call to order

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

**February 8 Minutes**

Robert Gordon made a motion to approve the February 8 meeting minutes. Birgit Pruess provided the second. Motion carried.

**Communication Non-Thesis Option**

Mark Meister and Amy O’Connor discussed the non-thesis/paper option for the M.A. and M.S. degree in Communication. This would replace the current project option that has been in place since the mid-1980’s. The Council will vote on the proposal at the next Graduate Council meeting

**Course/Curriculum Proposals**

Birgit Pruess made a motion to approve the courses as listed on the agenda. Robert Nielsen provided the second. Motion carried.

Birgit Pruess made a motion to approve curriculum changes for the Masters of Public Health program. Karen Froelich provided the second. Motion carried.

Birgit Pruess made a motion to approve proposed options for the College Teaching Certificate program. Robert Littlefield provided the second. Motion carried.

**Upcoming Discussion Topics**

Dean Wittrock would like to discuss the increase in the number of 400/600 level course proposals coming through Graduate Council.

The Council will also be discussing the distinction between master’s thesis and master’s paper research credits and whether or not there should be a distinction.

Dr. Wittrock adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Selders-Ortez