

Graduate Council Minutes

March 7, 2007

The March meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order by Dr. David Wittrock, at 8:30am, March 7, 2007, in the new Ballroom of Memorial Union.

In attendance: Mark Aune, Bill Berzonsky, Jacob Glower, Gary Goreham, Verlin Hinsz, Samudra Kugel, Seth Rasmussen, Donna Terbizan, Rodney Traub,

The minutes for the February 14 meeting were considered. Bill Berzonsky made a motion to approve the minutes. Mark Aune provided the second. Motion carried.

Course and Program Changes

Donna Terbizan made a motion to approve the course proposals listed below as reviewed by the Academic Affairs committee. Samudra Kugel provided the second. Motion carried.

EDCU 755	Exceptional Learners in the Secondary School Classroom
H&CE 446/646	Extension Education
H&CE 772	Curriculum Development in Family and Consumer Science
H&CE 773	Occupational Programs in Family and Consumer Science
H&CE 774	Teaching Family and Consumer Science with Technology
MUSC 702	Graduate Theory Survey

Dr. Wittrock discussed a new program proposal for Community Development submitted to the Graduate Council. The Academic Affairs committee had a number of questions regarding this program and the Great Plains IDEA consortium. Dr. Wittrock said there are many places in the proposal where topics overlap what is currently on campus and he would like a letter of support from the Agribusiness and Applied Economics Department. Dr. Wittrock will talk about this at the Dean's meeting and it will be put on the April agenda. Dr. Wittrock will ask Greg Sanders to attend the meeting to answer questions.

Dr. Wittrock also presented a proposal for a new option in the M.Ed. program, Family and Consumer Science. This program is patterned after the GPIDEA, but Dr. Wittrock will check to see that this will follow the same guidelines as the GPIDEA programs. Gary Goreham made a motion to approve the proposal pending Dr. Wittrock's confirmation the GPIEA rules apply. Donna Terbizan provided the second. Motion carried.

Additional Items

Transcriptable Options and Subplans

Dr. Wittrock presented the Council with information regarding programs with subplans/options. The nine credit recommendation will be an issue for some programs if they want these transcribed. The Graduate School will contact departments with less than nine unique credits for their options to see if they a. want the option transcribed and b. if it would be a problem to make the option nine unique credits. Dr. Wittrock will let Academic Affairs know the Graduate Council supports this idea so they may shop it around to departments.

Disquisition Review

Dr. Wittrock presented an updated review process proposal. This proposed revision is intended to alleviate the backlog in the process. There was discussion about other options and feedback on the proposed revision. Dr. Wittrock is taking the recommendation to implement this revision with the additional recommendation to change the appendices to examples and not rules. Dr. Wittrock will announce this change and schedule an Open Forum for faculty and students to discuss.

At 10:00 a.m., Dr. Wittrock adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Selders-Ortez