Graduate Council Minutes
October 10, 2007

The October meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order by Dr. Wittrock, at 8:35 am, October 10, 2007, in the Lake/Agassiz Room in Memorial Union.

In attendance: Bill Berzonsky, Jacob Glower, Verlin Hinsz, Eakalak Khan, Samudra Kugel, Marjorie McCullagh, Renee Magnan, Brandy Randall, Seth Rasmussen, Charlene Wolf-Hall

The minutes for the September 12, 2007 meeting were considered. Marjorie McCullagh made a motion to approve the minutes. Samudra Kugel provided the second. Brandy Randall noted her name was misspelled in the minutes. This motion was carried and the minutes will be updated.

Course and Program Changes

Jacob Glower made a motion to approve the course proposals listed below as reviewed by the Academic Affairs committee. Marjorie McCullagh provided the second. Motion carried.

ANTH 499/699	Human Adaptation
BIOL 478/678	Methods in Animal Physiology
BIOL 480/680	Ecotoxicology
BUSN 499/696	Management of Adaptive Organizations
CHEM 747	Heterocyclic Chemistry
CHEM 748	Total Synthesis of Natural Products
CPM 451/651	Laboratory, Chemical, Radiation & Biological Safety Course
CJ 734	Advanced Criminal Justice Methods
MATH 724	Topics in Commutative Algebra
MATH 749	Topics in Geometry and Topology
MATH 757	Topics in Functional Analysis
MATH 767	Topics in Applied Mathematics
PSCI 796	Cancer Cell Biology
STAT 772	Computational Statistics

Requests for Associate Faculty Status/Teaching Waiver

The Council considered a request from Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute for Associate Graduate Faculty status for Dr. Brian Kalk. Ann Burnett made a motion to approve. Marjorie McCullagh provided the second. Motion carried.

The Council considered a request from HNES for Associate Graduate Faculty status for Dr. Mark Strand. Brandy Randall made a motion to approve. Marjorie McCullagh provided the second. Motion carried.

Additional Items

Full-Time Status

Sandy Hill from Student Financial Services and Kristi Wold-McCormick and Rhonda Kitch from Registration and Records attended the meeting to discuss defining full-time and part-time status for graduate students. The current Graduate School policy reads "Nine credits are considered a full-time graduate load. Graduate assistants in half-time status (0.5 FTE) are considered full-time if registered for four or more graduate credits. Federal law requires all international students with a 20-hr/week assistantship to carry at least six graduate credits for full-time status." Federal Financial Aid requires students be registered for five credits to be considered half-time. While the State Board of Higher Education defines full-time status at nine credits, it does not define half-time status.
Jacob Glower mad a motion to change the current policy from four credits to five credits to be considered half-time. Charlene Wolf-Hall provided the second. Motion carried.

Mathematics Course Proposals

Dr. Jim Coykendall attended the meeting to discuss four Mathematics course proposals reviewed by the Curriculum Committee of the Graduate Council. The courses are set up so that they may be taken more than once for credit as the topic of the course changes. There was confusion as to whether or not these courses should be processed as X91 courses, Special Topics/Trial Courses. The four courses presented are unique as they will be permanent courses, unlike X91 courses which are meant to be offered once or twice.

After discussion the Graduate Council was comfortable with the course proposals, which were then added to the list of courses up for approval by the Graduate Council.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Selders-Ortez