GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES  
Thursday, November 14, 2013  
FDHL 2147 – 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT:  Sherry Crow, Anita Hart, David Hof, Susan Jensen, Annette Moser, David Palmer, Steve Schulz, Julie Shaffer, Marguerite Tassi, and Kathryn Zuckweiler

ABSENT:  Sharon Campbell, Linda Crowe, Mark Ellis, Lisa Kastello, Max McFarland, Marta Moorman, Carly Jones, and Justin Zyla

I. Approval of the September 12, 2013 Minutes – approved via email

II. Graduate Dean’s Report

A. Announcement.  Since Dr. Taylor was at a conference, Kathy Zuckweiler led the meeting.  She announced the separation of the Department of Criminal Justice and Social Work to the Department of Criminal Justice and the Department of Social Work.  The request is going forward to the Board of Regents for formal approval.

B. North Central Update.  The preliminary exit was positive and Dr. Zuckweiler does not anticipate any major issues.

C. Graduate Strategic Plan.  Dr. Zuckweiler asked for volunteers from the Council to work on a mission statement and vision plan for the Graduate Studies & Research APR which will be in the spring of 2015.  Anyone interested should inform Dr. Taylor.

D. Office of Sponsored Programs Director Search.  An offer was made to a candidate but was turned down for personal reasons.  Dr. Zuckweiler is unsure of how the committee will proceed.

III. Committee Reports

A. Policy & Planning Committee
   1) David Hof informed the Council that will be meeting with Carl Mehta about adding graduate students to the student code of conduct.  He, or someone from the Council, will sit on a committee that will revise the handbook.

B. Academic Programs Committee moved to approve changes for the following courses:  

   For Graduate Council Information

   1) Approved request from English to add a new course – ENG 860: Critical Approaches to Children’s Literature and Culture.
   2) Approved request from English to add a new course – ENG 861: Fairy Tales and Folklore.
   3) Approved request from English to add a new course – ENG 863: The Graphic Novel.
For Graduate Council Action

Request to review Guidelines for the Development of Certificate Programs at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Reviewed guidelines for application to graduate programs. Guidelines already reviewed and approved by Academic Affairs for undergraduate programs. Committee II recommended approving the certificate program guidelines with a minor wording change.

Change of wording in paragraph 5, section I. Purposes of Certificate Programs—

Current: “Each certificate program must have a designated program director who is responsible for administering the program (including keeping the college and Academic Affairs committee fully informed of any changes in the program) advising and monitoring progress of students and tracking program completion.”

Change: “Each certificate program must have a designated program director who is responsible for administering the program (following the appropriate college(s) graduate or undergraduate academic affairs process for any changes to the program) advising and monitoring progress of students and tracking program completion.”

Comes as a seconded motion to the Graduate Council with the wording change. Motion Carried.

C. Faculty & Student Affairs Committee – announcement of the MAGS Thesis Awards. Palmer informed the Council of a change in MAGS submissions in which two of four categories will alternate every two years. Currently, MAGS is seeking nominations for thesis awards in the two broad categories of Biological/Life Sciences and the Humanities. Next year, the two broad categories will be Social Sciences and Physical Sciences/Engineering.

UNK Biological Sciences:  David Alexander-John Schumann
UNK Humanities:  Laura Leigh Hyatt
NSS:  Shelley R. Frear
       Honorable Mention:  Fredrick A. Baker
       Honorable Mention:  Joshua J. Granger
FAH:  Carrie Crockett

IV. Other Business

There being no additional business, motion to adjourn made by Susan Jensen and seconded by Marguerite Tassi. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Janna Shanno, Recording Secretary