GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES  
Thursday, September 12, 2013  
FDHL 2147 – 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Sharon Campbell, Sherry Crow, Mark Ellis, Anita Hart, David Hof, Susan Jensen, Lisa Kastello, Max McFarland, Annette Moser, David Palmer, Steve Schulz, Julie Shaffer, Marguerite Tassi, Kathryn Zuckweiler, and Justin Zyla

ABSENT: Linda Crowe, Sheryl Heidenreich, Marta Moorman, and Carly Jones

I. Approval of the July 24, 2013 Minutes – approved via email

II. Graduate Dean’s Report

A. New Members and Student Members. Dr. Taylor welcomed new members David Hof and Steve Schulz to the council as well as re-elected members Anita Hart and Julie Shaffer.

B. Update on Online Worldwide. UNK pays Online Worldwide a percentage of our funds received and that amount has increased 17-20%. Online Worldwide has seven new staff members which may have led to the increase. Dr. Taylor will be attending a Coursera meeting next week.

C. IRB Update. Dr. Zuckweiler announced that the IRB is currently developing peer review guidelines as well as a non-compliance policy.

D. North Central Update. The self-study as well as the resource room are online and readily accessible. Dr. Taylor is currently working on the agenda.

E. Graduate Strategic Plan. Dr. Taylor informed the council that the Graduate Studies & Research APR will be in the spring of 2015. Updates to the strategic plan including a mission statement need to be addressed. A team is needed from the council to work on this project and should let Dr. Taylor know if they are interested.

F. Office of Sponsored Programs Director Search. The search for a Director has been posted and the position had been revised to focus on administrative skills as well as the research component.

G. New Frontier’s Reception. Dr. Taylor encouraged attendance at the reception on October 10, 4-6 pm at the Frank House. The researchers featured in the publication will be recognized.

H. Committee Assignments. The functions of each of the three committees were reviewed and the council will break into committees and select a chair following the committee reports.

I. Certificate Programs. Guidelines for certificate programs will be coming to Committee II shortly. It is going through Academic Affairs and will need to be approved by Graduate Council. Eventually on the official UNK transcript it will indicate the certificate completion.
III. Committee Reports

A. Policy & Planning Committee
   1) The committee is currently reviewing a Nomination for Graduate Faculty.
   2) A task for the committee in the future will be to add graduate students to the student code of conduct.

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

   For Graduate Council Information
   1) Approved request from Educational Administration to add a new course – EDAD 890: Introduction to Educational Research.
   2) Approved request from Teacher Education Department to add a course – TE 866: Motivating the 21st Century Learner.
   3) Approved request from Teacher Education Department to inactivate a course – TE 853B: Improvement of Instruction in Elementary School Mathematics.
   4) Approved request from Teacher Education Department to add a new course – TE 853F: Improving Mathematics Instruction for Grades PK-2.
   5) Approved request from Teacher Education Department to add a new course – TE 853G: Improvement of Mathematics Instruction for Grades 3-5.

C. Faculty & Student Affairs Committee – will be reviewing thesis for the MAGS submission.

IV. Other Business

A. Dr. Taylor handed out the GPC list for the Council’s information.

B. The council members chose the committee they would like to serve on and elected a chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Janna Shanno, Recording Secretary