GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES  
Thursday, March 9, 2017  
FDHL 2147 – 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: John Bauer, Greg Brown, Sharon Campbell, Bruce Elder, Mark Ellis, Chris Exstrom, David Palmer, Chuck Rowling, Janet Steele, Jeanne Stolzer, Mallory Wetherell, Ron Wirtz, Shaun Mewes, and William Orr

ABSENT: David Hof, Janet Lear, Miechelle McKelvey, Marguerite Tassi, and Marilyn Wright

I. Approval of the February 9, 2017 Minutes – approved via email

II. Graduate Dean’s Report – Janet Steele led the meeting in Dr. Taylor’s absence

A. Graduate Council Elections.  
Elections are currently underway. Janet encouraged the council to vote if they have not done so.

B. Reichenbach.  
The nomination forms will be due April 7.

C. Student Research Day.  
The date for Student Research Day is April 11.

III. Committee Reports

A. Policy & Planning Committee – nothing to report.

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

   For Graduate Council Information

   1) Approved request from History to create a course – HIST 868P: Digital History.

   2) Approved request from Music, Theatre, and Dance to create a course – MUS 804: Introduction to Music Research.

   3) Approved request from Music, Theatre, and Dance to create a course – THEA 802: Expressive Arts and the Creative Teacher.

   For Graduate Council Action

   1) Maintained postponement of request from Teacher Education to Create a Supplemental Endorsement in Early Intervention Specialist – designed for teachers having previously obtained a Special Ed teaching endorsement, addresses shortage in certified teachers who work with age 0-5 children with disabilities.
2) Request to Alter the MA in History – Thesis option: replace HIST 899 (Directed Readings) with a Public or Digital History Course. Non-Thesis option: add Public or Digital History course and define Major and Minor Fields of study in degree program. Comes as a seconded motion to the Graduate Council. Motion Carried.

3) Request from History to Create a Public History Certificate – to address expanding need for public historians. This would also enable flexibility for students to pursue this instead of, in conjunction with or in addition to a History MA. Comes as a seconded motion to the Graduate Council. Motion Carried.

4) Request from Educational Administration to Alter the MAE in School Principalship PK-8 – adding two courses as options for electives; no changes to the program structure. Comes as a seconded motion to the Graduate Council. Motion Carried.

5) Request from Educational Administration to Alter the MAE in School Principalship 7-12 – adding two courses as options for electives; no changes to the program structure. Comes as a seconded motion to the Graduate Council. Motion Carried.

C. Faculty & Student Affairs Committee – the committee announced the thesis award recipients: Ron Judd was the overall UNK winner; Kevin Stones was the FAH winner with Heather Zaruba as Honorable Mention; Marissa Bongers and Britni Norfolk tied as winners from the COE. The Committee will choose recipients for the Reichenbach Scholarship next month.

IV. Other Business

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Janna Shanno, Recording Secretary