GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, October 13, 2016
FDHL 2147 – 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Greg Brown, Sharon Campbell, Bruce Elder, Mark Ellis, Chris Exstrom, David Hof, Janet Lear, Miechelle McKelvey, Chuck Rowling, Janet Steele, Jeanne Stolzer, Marguerite Tassi, Mallory Wetherell, Ron Wirtz, Shaun Mewes, William Orr, and Marilyn Wright

ABSENT: John Bauer and David Palmer

I. Approval of the September 8, 2016 Minutes – approved via email

II. Graduate Dean’s Report

A. Faculty Credentialing.
   UNK will need to be in compliance with new HLC guidelines for faculty credentials by the fall of 2017. Each department must create a checklist which lists the acceptable criteria, additional certificates, etc. to teach graduate classes if the faculty does not have a Ph.D. Dr. Taylor will be attending college chair meetings to explain this information. The HLC guidelines will apply to undergraduate faculty as well as dual credit. Graduate Assistants are exempt because they are under the supervision of a qualified faculty member.

B. NU Collaboration Initiative Retreat.
   The retreat is October 28 and the topic is System Science as part of the Food for Health Initiative which is supported by POE funds. Approximately 29 UNK faculty will be attending.

III. Committee Reports

A. Policy & Planning Committee – David Hof volunteered to write guidelines to aid the committee when reviewing Graduate Faculty Nomination forms.

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

For Graduate Council Information

1) Approved request from Kinesiology & Sports Sciences to create a course – PE 808: Therapeutic Modalities in Athletic Injury.
2) Approved request from Teacher Education to create a course – TE 816G: Practicum: Curriculum & Instruction Graduate Practicum.
3) Approved request from Teacher Education to discontinue a course – TE 883: Classroom Desktop Publishing.
4) Approved request from Teacher Education to discontinue a course – TE 890: Administration of School Computer Networks.

For Graduate Council Action

1) Request to Alter the MAEd Master Teacher in Physical Education – modify admission requirements: eliminate GRE requirements; add presentation component to the personal statement. Comes as a seconded motion to the Graduate Council. Motion Carried.
C. Faculty & Student Affairs Committee – due to the MAGS award changes, UNK will not have a MAGS thesis submission this year. Thesis winners will be chosen for Student Research Day in April.

IV. Other Business

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Janna Shanno, Recording Secretary