GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2014

PRESENT: Sang Choi, Andrew Ciganek (for Paul Ambrose), Corey Davis, Colin De Mers, Michelle Gibson-Herman, Lynn Gilbertson (for Roxanne DePaul), Christina Jones, Rick Mason, Carol Normand, Erica Ritchie, Celine Santos, Carol Scovotti, Shannon Stuart, Debra Towns, David Welch, Jim Winship (for Sarah Hessenauer), and John Zbikowski.

ABSENT: Jeff Cook, \*Kim Knesting-Lund, Aaron Malone, and Praveen Parboteeah

GUEST: John Chenoweth, Carol Elsen, Kristina Navarro, and Eileen Schroeder.

\*Previously notified.

The November 6, 2014, meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Dean John Stone. He noted that this was an historic meeting with a reconstructed Graduate Council. After introductions, Corey Davis moved, with a second by Lynn Gilbertson, to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2014, meeting. Motion carried.

**Announcements**

1. The MSW degree intent to plan has been approved.This is the most requested program that we do not offer. It is hoped that the degree will first be offered in fall of 2016. It will, of course, still need BOR approval. Also, an MS in Computer Science degree is in the planning stages.
2. Eight graduate students were awarded up to $750 each for their graduate research grants.
3. Graduate enrollment is up for the fall 2014 term.
4. The thesis guidelines are being updated, and the DBA dissertation guidelines are being developed.
5. Hans Hauschild was the winner of the 2012-14 Outstanding Thesis Award. His thesis, *Rear-Facing Child Restraint Device Performance in Side Impact Crashes*was completed in December of 2012 as part of his M.S. - Safety degree.

**Information Only Item**

Jim Winship moved to approve the Information Only items A-G on the agenda. Colin De Mers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. Curricular Action: Prerequisite Change from the Department of Economics: ECON 745 Economics of Healthcare
2. Curricular Action: Prerequisite Change from the Department of Economics: ECON 761 Business and Economics Forecasting
3. Curricular Action: Prerequisite Change from the Department of Educational Foundations: LIBMEDIA 751 Leadership and Administration of Library and Technology Programs
4. Curricular Action: Prerequisite Change from the Department of Educational Foundations: LIBMEDIA 756: Information, Virtual Libraries and the Internet
5. Curricular Action: Number Change from the Department of Educational Foundations: FROM: LIBMEDIA 641 TO: LIBMEDIA 741 Information Technology in Schools and Libraries
6. Curricular Action: Delete Cross Listing from the Department of Communication: COMM 505 History of Mass Communication
7. Curricular Action: Delete Cross Listing from the Department of Communication: COMM 631 Mass Communication and Society

**Business Items**

Shannon Stuart moved to approve the new course, EDFOUND 687, from the Department of Educational Foundations. John Zbikowski seconded the motion. Eileen Schroeder explained that this is the second course in the sequence that leads to licensure for district-level assessment coordinators. The motion was approved.

1. Curricular Action: New Course from the Department of Educational Foundations: EDFOUND 687 Curriculum Evaluation and Improvement II

John Zbikowski then moved for approval of agenda items B and C from the Department of Special Education. Rick Mason seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. Curricular Action: New Course from the Department of Special Education: SPECED 776 Curriculum and Methods for Low Incidence Disabilities
2. Curricular Action: Change in Degree from the Department of Special Education: Drop SPECED 676 Curriculum and Methods Multiple Disabilities and add SPECED 776 Curriculum and Methods for Low Incidence Disabilities to requirements.

Finally, Rick Mason moved, with a second by John Zbikowski, to approve the submajor change in the MSE-PD program. The motion carried.

1. Curricular Action: Change in Submajor : MSE-PD Information, Technology and Libraries

**New Business Item**

Carolyn Morgan’s Graduate Learning Project report was distributed with the agenda. The report, started two years ago, included preliminary findings addressing the concerns of the last HLC visit as to what really distinguishes a graduate program from its corresponding undergraduate program. Carolyn was not able to attend this meeting, but will be at the December 4th meeting to discuss any concerns that the council has with the report. John urged the council members to take the report back to their departments to discuss the accuracy of the report and whether the report articulates what is happening in graduate education.

With no further discussion, Sang Choi moved to adjourn the meeting. Corey Davis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Lange   
Secretary