

Minutes of **University Graduate Council**
September 22, 2011

Present: Chair Warren Jones (ENGR), Charles Ericksen (BUS), Carl Fox (GS), Jane Scharff (NURS), William Ruff (EDUC), Lisa Eckert (L&S- Letters), Yves Idzerda (L&S- Science), Catherine McAllister (Student Rep.), Kathryn Plymesser (Student Rep.). Also in attendance was Donna Negaard (GS), Kaylee Ranck (GS), Catherine Johnson, Bethany Letiecq (HHD), Helen Mirren (NURS), Donna Williams (NURS).

Meeting commenced at 2:35 p.m. in 114 Sherrick Hall.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for April 19, 2011 – moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Open Campus Forum

None

UGC Committee Reports

None

HHD Option Name Change

- a. Health Promotion & Education is proposed to be switched to Food, Family and Community Health Sciences.
 - a. Current name doesn't reflect offerings of program.
 - b. Allows department to market better, attract students with a more clear vision and prepare students for what the course offers.
- b. Moved, seconded and approved.

Doctor of Nursing Program

- a. Proposal/strategic plan has been in the making since 2003.
- b. Response to professional expectation of colleges with Nurse Practitioners.
- c. By Year 2015, a DNP degree would be an industry standard.
- d. Practitioners would still be prepared as expert clinicians, hours would be added and new skills would be taught.
- e. Nurse practitioners will no longer be educated at Masters level.
- f. Three years would be the length of program due to an increase to 79 total credits.
- g. Begin admission process for the program starting spring. Those currently in Masters program can still finish Masters and choose to pursue Doctoral program.
- h. Organization of program would be based on the 9 essentials for DNP curriculum.
- i. Would be only DNP program in Montana.
- j. Absence of program could negatively affect accreditation.

- k. Moved and seconded to approve and move to 2nd level.

Electing Chair-elect

- a. Michael Reidy nominated.
- b. Moved and seconded for approval pending acceptance.

Graduation Enhancement Proposals

- a. 20 proposals were received; mostly from departments.
- b. Sub-committee of Research Council meeting to review proposals and make recommendation.
- c. No set budget for proposals.
- d. Hoping for collaboration between departments and the The Graduate School.

Royall

- a. Royall is new vendor for electronic application for The Graduate School; same company used by Undergraduate Admissions.
- b. The Graduate School is hoping to fix any problems they are currently experiencing with the vendor.
- c. Has potential for marketing opportunities.

AGEP

- a. Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professorate (AGEP) includes 5 universities that focus on increasing the number of minorities who become Ph.D. graduates and find a career as a professor.

Doctoral Productivity Study

- a. Identifying completion rates and comparing to Council of Graduate School data.
- b. Looking at students who 'drop out or stop out'.
- c. Study has three phases:
 - 1. Producing demographic profile of doctoral candidates over the last 10 years at MSU.
 - 2. Develop a survey to inform policy, based on findings.
 - 3. Interrelated based on characteristics found in Phase I and Phase II.

Video Conference Policy

- a. Video conferencing for comprehensive exams and defenses has become more common.
- b. Policy needs to be put in place by The Graduate School.
- c. Moved and seconded for approval.

Adjourned 4:08 p.m.

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