

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL

March 23, 2009

Minutes

PRESENT: J. Stoddart (GS), E. Outslay (BUS), G. Burgett-Thrasher (MUS), G. Dummer (ED), M. Noel (CHM), M. Madan (COGS), J. Rowan (COM), J. Lindquist (CAL), S. Cendrowski (CNS), C. Radcliffe (EGR), M. Chavez (CAS), D. Garling (CANR), S. Dilley (BUS), G. Lang (ANR), D. Arsen (ED), M. Boyer (COGS), R. Blom (COGS), M. Kuykendall (LAW)

GUESTS: B. Taylor (Fisheries and Wildlife), K. Millenbah (Fisheries and Wildlife), J. Forger (Music), A. Larabee (Writing, Rhetoric & American Culture), D. Foran (Criminal Justice), C. Elman (Education)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the addition of a COGS item regarding the application form for Graduate School-sponsored funding of graduate travel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of 2/23/09 were approved with one correction.

AGENDA

1. Remarks from the Chairperson. (Outslay)
 - a. Noted that the surveys of the potential Academic Calendar changes were being analyzed and a report is in preparation. Also, that the updated Research Integrity policy is soon to be sent to the ECAC, after which it will go to the Faculty Council.
2. Remarks from the Graduate School. (J. Stoddart for Klomparens)
 - a. Provided an update on the UDF/UEF program: 78 offers have been made for 40 available fellowships; the nominations were 25% higher than in 2008 and the pool of nominees was the strongest in at least 10 years.
3. Remarks from the COGS Representative. (Madan)
 - a. Reported that the Graduate Academic Conference was a success.
4. Reports of the University Graduate Council Subcommittees.
 - a. **Curriculum and Program Review Committee:** no report
 - b. **Academic Research Policy Subcommittee:** Dummer circulated a draft memo regarding issues related to the recent ethics/integrity discussions and policy. A motion was made and approved to have Outslay and Klomparens review and edit the memo, then forward it to the University Faculty Affairs Committee.

- c. **Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee:** Radcliffe discussed the recommended increases (3%) for RA and TE stipends. Motion to add UGC recommendation was approved.
5. *Redefinition of the Policies and Procedures for **Graduate Certificates**. (attached) **APPROVED**
6. *Request to establish a **Graduate Certificate in Educational Technology** in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education. (attached) **APPROVED**
7. *Request to establish a **Graduate Specialization in Business Concepts for Environmental Sustainability and Conservation** in the Department of Marketing. (attached) **NOT APPROVED** - tabled for revision and clarification of the catalog description.
8. Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the **Master of Music** degree in Music Therapy. (advisory) (attached)
 - a. The Dean of the College of Music discussed the issue of requesting a moratorium on admission to the Master of Music degree in Music Therapy, which was prompted by the need to deal with a \$1 million budget cut.
9. *Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Arts** degree in **American Studies** in the College of Arts and Letters. (attached) **APPROVED**
10. *Request to change the requirements for the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **American Studies** in the College of Arts and Letters. (attached) **APPROVED**
11. *Request to establish a **Graduate Specialization in Forensic Science** in the School of Criminal Justice. (attached) **APPROVED**
12. Application form for Graduate School-sponsored funding of graduate travel.
 - a. Madan raised the issue of denial of applications for Graduate School-sponsored graduate student travel funding if applicants are not the first author on papers to be presented. It was suggested that COGS contact the Graduate School (Tony Nunez) get a written policy that can be brought to the UGC for discussion at the April meeting
13. Roundtable.
 - a. Discussion on the perception that the Academic Calendar survey process for students contained a number of potential flaws (timing, access, notification, repeat submissions, etc.) that could render its eventual interpretation to be erroneous.
14. Adjournment.