Minutes of University Graduate Council
October 27, 2011

Present: Chair Warren Jones (ENGR), Charles Ericksen (BUS), Carl Fox (GS), Jane Scharff (NURS), William Ruff (EDUC), Michael Reidy (L&S- Letters), Yves Idzerda (L&S- Science), Kathryn Plymesser (Student Rep.). Also in attendance was Donna Negaard (GS), Mark Nelson (HHD) and John Neumeier (Physics).

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

Approval of Minutes

• Minutes for September 22, 2011 – moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Open Campus Forum

None

UGC Committee Reports

None

Status of Chair-elect nomination

a. Michael Reidy accepts nomination

HHD Name Change

a. The Department of Health & Human development proposes that the Counseling program be changed from M.S. in Health & Human Development with Counseling option to M.S. in Counseling with Mental Health or Marriage and Family option.

b. This name change will better represent the student’s education and allow clarification for students and department during initial application process.

c. Moved and seconded for approval.

Graduation Education Enhancement Proposals

a. Committee of Research Council made a series of recommendations to Provost and V.P of Research who will meet to discuss proposals.

b. Research council hoping to making common proposals from departments campus-wide.

Status of Application Process/Royall

a. New online application vendor, Royall, is not compatible with The Graduate School expectations.

b. Discussion of other options are ongoing.
Completion of Masters/Doctoral program

a. Policy to begin timeline for master’s and doctoral students from term of student enrollment into accepted degree program rather than earliest term of course on program of study.
b. Proposed policy needs to be revised to make terms of degree timeline clearer.

Revising ‘Petition to Reserve/Register for Credits’ form

a. Two options on the form pertain to undergraduates taking graduate level courses and The Graduate School is wondering if they should be involved in that registration process.
b. More thought will be put into the topic and revisited next meeting.

Revisions to Campus Processes for Approval of Curricula and Programs

a. Faculty Senate and steering committees evaluating current processes and trying to streamline committee work in response to University changes.
b. Consideration of Faculty Senate being added to line of coursework approval.
c. Faculty Senate will continue to discuss proposal of faculty having more oversight of curriculum.

Adjourned 4:06 p.m.

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The Graduate School