Minutes – Graduate Council Meeting – January 25, 2013

2:00 p.m. – Gillham Park Room

Members Present: James Murowchick, Ed Gogol, Jianping Wang, Laurie Ellinghausen, Andrew Granade (for Lindsey Williams), Roger Pick, Rita Barger (for Sue Vartuli), Mary Walker, William Lafferty, Jane Peterson, Shannon Jackson, Hristo Voulov. Also present, Dean Denis Medeiros, Nancy Hoover, and Colleen Kelly.

Excused: Nathan Oyler, Larry Garrison, Sue Vartuli

Visiting: Lawrence Dreyfus, Jen Salvo-Eaton, Jie Chen

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2012.** It was moved by Wang, seconded by Gogol to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

2. **Announcements**
   Dr. Medeiros announced a question and answer meeting scheduled for next Thursday to answer questions regarding the new supplemental stipend fellowship. New iBT scores – 26 to qualify and lecture, 23-25 will be provisional.

3. **Doctoral Faculty Status for Truman Med and Children’s Mercy Faculty.**
   Dr. Dreyfus distributed some information regarding these faculty and the possibility of providing a mechanism whereby they could be made regular members of the doctoral faculty and engage these researchers more deeply into UMKC. He proposed allowing them on a case by case basis to join the doctoral faculty.

4. **What does/can the library do to better support our graduate students?**
   Jen Salvo-Eaton presented information from survey results showing that there was a significant need for graduate student support—(1) providing materials when and where they need them and familiarizing new students with what is available; (2) virtual presence of the library is being assessed; and (3) Service hours. A main concern is electronic access to journals. She urged faculty and students to talk to the library’s subject liaison librarians about what is purchased as they are anxious to order what is needed by the individual disciplines.

5. **Proposal to add Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management tracks to the MBA program and to modify the General Management Emphasis area of the MBA.**
   Dr. Roger Pick presented these proposals and answered questions from the Council. Modifying the General Management Emphasis area of the MBA was approved. After some discussion regarding the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management tracks, this proposal was tabled and it was decided to invite someone from the Entrepreneurship and Innovation department to the next meeting to explain and answer questions.
6. **Mathematics and Statistics MS Proposal.** Dr. Jie Chen presented the proposal and answered questions from the Council. It was moved by Gogol, seconded by Wang to approve the proposal. Motion passed.

7. **Dual Degree Program draft.** Dr. Medeiros presented a draft of policy to put in place regarding dual BS/MS programs. There were questions about how many hours should be shared, the GPA requirement, how dual credit works, transfer work, etc. Dr. Medeiros explained that this is a framework only for policy for units to follow when making proposals for these programs. This topic will be discussed further at the February meeting.

8. **New Master’s Thesis Evaluation form.** At the suggestion of Dr. Walker, Dean Medeiros and Nathan Lindsey drafted a new master’s thesis evaluation form which will better serve assessment needs. It will be put online and units will begin use of it immediately.

9. **Report of Subcommittees** on actions taken on pending applications for appointment or reappointment to theDoctoral Faculty, and reports on pending discipline-specific criteria. The following actions were reported:

   *Natural and Physical Sciences Subcommittee (Ed Gogol, Chair)*
   **Reza Derakhshani** (ECE) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty

   *Social and Behavioral Sciences (Larry Garrison, Chair)*
   **Loyce Caruthers** (Education) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
   **Jennifer Hunter** (Nursing) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
   **Jacob Marszalek** (Education) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
   **Robert Gamer** (Political Science) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty

   *Humanities and Arts Subcommittee (Laurie Ellinghausen, Chair)*
   **JoDee Davis** (Conservatory) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
   **Burton Dunbar** (Art & Art History) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
   **Michael Pritchett** (English) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
   **Thomas Stein** (Conservatory) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
   **Jacqueline Wood** (English) – New appointment to Doctoral Faculty

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.