Minutes– Graduate Council Meeting – February 24, 2012
2:00 p.m. – Gillham Park Room

Members present: Roger Pick, Mary Walker, Larry Garrison, Sue Vartuli, Jianping Wang, Laurie Ellinghausen, Ed Gogol, Julie Banderas, Shannon Jackson, Trent Guess, An-Lin Cheng, Hristo Voulov, Jejung Lee. Also present, Dean Denis Medeiros, Nancy Hoover, and Colleen Kelly.

Visiting: Adam Shoemaker of the Applied Language Institute

Excused: Hari Bhat, Lindsay Williams, Lisa Terre, Barry Anderson

1. The minutes of January 20, 2012 were approved with the addition of Roger Pick’s and Hristo Voulov’s names to the list of members present.

2. Announcements
   Dr. Medeiros briefly discussed further budget cuts expected for next year.

3. Proposal for change of International GTA candidate requirements
   Adam Shoemaker discussed the proposal from the Applied Language Institute suggesting that the internet-based TOEFL (iBT), which includes a speaking and listening section, could be substituted for the SPEAK test currently required for UMKC international Graduate Teaching Assistants. He explained that the SPEAK test has been discontinued by the ETS and the versions currently available are overused. Also, the iBT test is available at a wide range of local and international testing centers. Mr. Shoemaker suggested that a score of 26 would probably be appropriate for UMKC.

   Colleen Kelly of the School of Graduate Studies outlined the requirements and current procedures for certifying international GTAs.

   It was moved by Gogol, seconded by Garrison, that UMKC replace the SPEAK test requirement with the internet-based TOEFL (iBT). Motion passed.

   Dr. Medeiros reported back on comments he received from the Research Office and from the Library regarding the proposed thesis/dissertation embargo policy and presented a revised draft. He will make some minor changes based on today’s discussion and revise the policy and necessary forms for review and approval at the March meeting.

5. Graduate/Doctoral Faculty issues
   Dr. Medeiros briefly discussed issues with the graduate and doctoral faculty status requirements that came up at a recent Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Executive Committee. The executive committee seemed to be confused about the changes in the operating
procedures which eliminated the adjunct doctoral faculty category. He will return to the executive committee with understandings gained from today’s Council meeting discussion.

6. Report of Subcommittees on actions taken on pending applications for appointment or reappointment to the Doctoral Faculty and/or Graduate Faculty, and reports on pending discipline-specific criteria. The following actions were reported:

   Social and Behavior Sciences Subcommittee (Larry Garrison, Chair).
   Frederick Hayes (Business Admin.) – reappointment to doctoral faculty

   Humanities and Arts Subcommittee (Lindsey Williams, Chair)
   No applications.

   Natural and Physical Sciences Subcommittee (Ed Gogol, Chair).
   Shui Q. Ye (Biomedical Science) – appointment to doctoral faculty

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.