Minutes – Graduate Council Meeting – March 15, 2013

2:00 p.m. – Gillham Park Room

Members Present:  Mary Walker, Jianping Wang, Andrew Granade, Sue Vartuli, Jim Murowchick, Ed Gogol, Anthony Shui (for Ellinghausen), Roger pick, Jane Peterson, Hristo Voulov, William Lafferty, Trent Guess, Shannon Jackson, Nathan Oyler. Also present, Dean Denis Medeiros and Nancy Hoover

Excused:  Larry Garrison

Visiting:  Amber Davies, Amy Chester

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2013.** It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of February 15, 2013. Motion passed.

2. **Announcements**
   Dr. Medeiros gave a report on the doctoral plan of study workshops that took place earlier in the week. They were very well attended.
   He also briefly discussed the status of the GTA stipend enhancement fellowships and changes in the way that graduate students will be allowed to enroll in 300 and 400 level courses.

3. **Incomplete Grades for Graduate Students**
   Amy Chester, associate registrar, was at the meeting to talk about and answer questions regarding the university’s policy on incomplete grades. The policy for incomplete grades to lapse to an F after a year has not been enforced for graduate students. Other discussion took place on exceptions to this rule for dissertation hours and special readings courses. There was also a suggestion that the rule be changed for the grade to roll to an F after two years. It was moved and seconded that students should not be allowed to graduate with an incomplete grade on their transcript and that the policy should be enforced.

4. **Proposal to add Nurse Anesthesia option to the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.**
   Dr. Peterson and Dr. Amber Davies explained and answered questions regarding the proposal to add a Nurse Anesthesia option to the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, citing changes in requirements by the primary accrediting body for all nurse anesthesia programs. It was moved by Gogol, seconded by Lafferty to approve the proposal. Motion passed.

5. **Proposal to change the name of the Master of Science in Oral Biology to the Master of Science in Oral and Craniofacial Sciences.**
   Dr. Walker briefly explained reasons for the name change and now it more accurately reflects the nature of the research. It was moved and seconded to approve the change. Motion passed.
6. **Dual Bachelor’s / Master’s programs issues:**
   Catalog policy currently precludes the proposed programs. Dr. Medeiros presented a proposed change to the catalog policy. The proposal was discussed by the Council and suggestions for changes were made. Dr. Medeiros will redraft and distribute it to the Council and then take it forward to the Dean’s Council.

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

   **Natural and Physical Sciences Subcommittee (Ed Gogol, Chair)**
   Chi-Ming Huang (SBS) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty

   **Social and Behavioral Sciences (Larry Garrison, Chair)**
   No applications.

   **Humanities and Arts Subcommittee (Laurie Ellinghausen, Chair)**
   Deanna Hanson-Abromeit (Conservatory) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
   Sarah Tyrrell (Conservatory) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
   Dale Morehouse (Conservatory) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.
8. **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.

9. **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.

10. **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.

11. **Report of Subcommittees** on actions taken on pending applications for appointment or reappointment to the Doctoral 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.