Minutes – Graduate Council Meeting – November 16, 2012

2:00 p.m. – Gillham Park Room

Members present: Larry Garrison, Roger Pick, Jane Peterson, Nathan Oyler, Mary Walker, Hristo Voulov, Jianping Wang, Ed Gogol, Trent Guess, Sue Vartuli, Lindsey Williams, William Lafferty. Also present, Dean Denis Medeiros, Colleen Kelly, and Nancy Hoover.

Excused: Barry Anderson, Laurie Ellinghausen, James Murowchick

Visiting: Nathan Lindsey, Patricia Hovis-French

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2012. It was moved by Gogol, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

2. Announcements
Dr. Medeiros briefly shared the following:
   a. New iBT score requirements for international GTAs.
   b. Medical School is proposing a new IPHD discipline (Biomedical and Health Informatics) to be offered as a co-discipline only.
   c. The Doctor in Nurse Anesthesia Practice proposal is still pending with the Dean’s Council.
   d. Suggestion that the grading policy for thesis/dissertation credit hours should be modified.

3. Doctoral Graduate Exit Survey Results (Patricia Hovis-French)
Dr. Hovis-French presented survey results for the 2011-12 graduates and distributed information with statistics and analysis.

4. Graduate Student Assessment (Nathan Lindsey)
Dr. Lindsey explained the rubric developed by the IPHD program for the final evaluation form that was adopted last year. It was suggested that the same sort of form should be adopted for the master’s thesis evaluation. Dr. Medeiros and Dr. Lindsey will develop a draft of the Master’s evaluation form based on the IPHD form.

Dr. Medeiros explained a plan of stipend supplements for GTA/GRAs and distributed a plan outlining awards for 2013-14. Multi-year awards and eligibility was discusse. It was suggested that the awards could be renewable, but not automatically renewable. It was suggested that Divisions provide matching funds. It was also suggested that the matching funds could be waived for some units or maybe change the values for matched and unmatched.
Other items discussed under this topic were:
   a. Inequities caused within units
   b. Maybe use a merit-based system.
   c. Maybe treat them as renewable annual fellowships.
d. Possibility as use as a recruitment tool whereby the department could apply on behalf of an incoming student.

e. What about quarter and half-time positions? Maybe allow with adequate justification.

f. Maybe selective tuition waivers?

g. Perhaps a perk for awards to underrepresented minorities.

6. Combined BS/MS Programs

Dr. Medeiros distributed the model used by Kansas State University that allows for shared credits, etc. Council members were to take the policy back to their units for feedback and Dr. Medeiros will work on developing a UMKC proposal for combined BS/MS Programs.

7. 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:

* Humanities and Arts Subcommittee (Lindsey Williams, Chair)*
  Lyn Elliot (Communication Studies) – Appointment to Doctoral Faculty

* Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee (Larry Garrison, Chair).*
  Brown, Chris (CPCE) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
  Miller, SJ (Education) – Appointment to Doctoral Faculty
  Smith, Deborah (Sociology) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
  Smith, Dianne (ELPF) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty
  Wei, Michael (Education) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty

* Natural and Physical Sciences Subcommittee (Ed Gogol, Chair).*
  Deborah O’Bannon (Engineering) – Reappointment to Doctoral Faculty

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.