Minutes– Graduate Council Meeting – February 19, 2010
2:00 p.m. – Brookside Room

Members present: Mary Walker, Julie Banderas, Jeff Bennett, Olga Ackerly, An-Lin Cheng, Sue Vartuli, Larry Garrison, Chi Lee, Ed gogol, Lindsey Williams. Also present, Dean MacQuarrie and Nancy Hoover.

Excused: Jimmy Adegoke, Bryan Becker, Hari Bhat

Visiting: Jan Brandow (Financial Aid), Jim Sturgeon (Social Science Consortium / Economics)

1. The minutes of January 15, 2010 were approved.

   Jan Brandow presented an issue regarding graduate students taking undergraduate courses. Federal financial eligibility requires graduate students at UMKC to be enrolled in at least 9 graduate credit hours which apply toward their degree to be considered full-time and at least five graduate credit hours to be considered at least half time. An exception to this policy is that graduate students may enroll in 300 or 400 level courses and count as part of their enrollment for financial aid purposes as long as these courses count toward the requirements of their graduate degree and the grades received count toward their graduate GPA. The problem arises when graduate students enroll in 100 or 200 level courses. An example is the foreign language competency required by some disciplines in the doctoral program and students need to take the 100/200 level language courses to gain that skill.

   The suggestion was made that certain undergraduate courses be “marked” at the registrar’s office to identify courses that may be taken for a graduate program. Brandow will check with the registrar on this possibility.

3. Announcements
   Dr. MacQuarrie reported some feedback from the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. committee about the recently approved Ph.D. program in Entrepreneurship.

4. Undergraduate courses allowed in graduate programs
   Because of the issues in this area brought up by financial aid, the Council briefly discussed UMKC’s current policy in this area.
5. 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 Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee (Larry Garrison, Chair)*
  - Gregory Arling (Nursing) – appointment to adjunct doctoral faculty
  - Shannon Jackson (Social Science Cons.) – reappointment to doctoral faculty
  - Tamera Murdock (Psychology) – reappointment to doctoral faculty
  - Philip Olson (Sociology) – reappointment to doctoral faculty
  - Max Skidmore (Social Science Cons.) – reappointment to doctoral faculty
  - James Sturgeon (Social Science cons.) – reappointment to doctoral faculty

*Natural and Physical Sciences Subcommittee (Bryan Becker, Chair)*
  - Chi Lee (Pharmacy) – reappointment to doctoral faculty
  - Patricia Murphy (Nursing) – appointment to adjunct doctoral faculty
  - Kamel Rekab (Mathematics) – reappointment to doctoral faculty
  - Noah Rhee (Mathematics) – reappointment to doctoral faculty
  - Hristo Voulov (Mathematics) – reappointment to doctoral faculty
  - Karen Williams (Dentistry) – reappointment to doctoral faculty
  - Yong Zeng (Mathematics) – reappointment to doctoral faculty

*Humanities and Arts Subcommittee (Lindsey Williams, Chair)*
  - Discipline-specific criteria from the Department of Architecture, Urban Planning,
    and Design was reviewed. The criteria will be returned to the unit for some
    clarification.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.