## GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

| CHAIRED BY: | David S. Chapman | TIME: | 3:00 p.m. |
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| DATE: | 26 March 2007 | PLACE: | 300 Park Building |

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Marie Breznay, Nicki Camp, Julie Fritz, John Hollerbach, John McDonnell, Pat Murphy, Kevin Rathunde, Mary Jane Taylor, Robert Young, Jiyang Zhu

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: David Chapman, Nancy Nickman, Fred Rhodewalt, Lisa Blair, the Graduate School

## EXCUSED:

## FINAL AGENDA

## 1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 29 January 2007 meeting will be approved at the 30 April 2007 meeting.

## 2. Proposal to Create a Juris Doctor/Master of Public Policy Degree

Reyes Aguilar, Dean of the S.J. Quinney College of Law, Kathleen Zick, Master of Public Policy Program Director and Angie Stefaniak, Master of Public Policy Program Manager presented the proposal to create the joint graduate degree Juris Doctor/Master of Public Policy.

The proposed joint degree will have around three students per year. There have been inquiries as to availability both internally and externally, with Policy Analysis and Development a growing field. The expected completion is within four years, rather than the five years that would be required to take both programs separately. Administration is in place, and students must be accepted in both programs in order to be considered for the joint degree.

The question was raised that if there is an expectation of $1-3$ students enrolling each year, why is there a need to create a new degree. The commitment from the student enrolled is immense, with mandatory completion of the requirements from both programs. Offering the joint degree will have great student benefit, with minimal administrative costs.

In addressing the low number of students expected to enroll and potential recruiting efforts to increase numbers, starting small with an eye for future increase of students is the preference. Withdrawal from one of the programs will be handled by each program, independent of the joint degree program.

Closed discussion among the Council addressed the unwieldy application process. Though there is one application fee, an application must be completed for each program. The question of how to code the application is also in question.

## ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the proposal to create a joint graduate degree in Juris Doctor/Master of Public Policy

Vote: Approved unanimously
Action: Inform the S.J. Quinney College of Law, the College of Social and Behavioral Science and the Master of Public Policy Program of the Council's decision to approve the creation of a joint graduate degree in Juris Doctor/Master of Public Policy.

## 3. Proposal to Create a Master of Science Degree in International Affairs and Global Enterprise

Stephen Reynolds, Associate Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Science, and David Patton, Director of the Center for Public Policy and Administration, presented the proposal to create a Master of Science degree in International Affairs and Global Enterprise.

With international employment numbers on the rise, there is an unfilled niche for student education, addressing international affairs and global enterprise. Significantly, the proposed degree is very different from the scope covered by an international business degree. Through the combined efforts of the College of Law, the College of Social and Behavioral Science, and the School of Business, the focus will be providing educational training for students going into private industry, rather than the diplomatic corps.

The Graduate Council asked what is currently available that would satisfy a similar focus of study. Students can draw from international business, political science, cultural anthropology, and international business law.

Balance between the three colleges will be achieved by having a required capstone class, in addition to a minimum requirement of drawing from three different departments for electives. The capstone class will be team-taught to further ensure balance. An admitting committee will be comprised of individuals from all three departments.

## ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the proposal to create a Master of Science Degree in International Affairs and Global Enterprise

Vote: Approved unanimously
Action: Inform the S.J. Quinney College of Law, the College of Social and Behavioral Science and the Master of Public Policy Program of the Council's decision to approve the creation of the Master of Science Degree in International Affairs and Global Enterprise

## 4. Review of the Department of Physics, College of Science

Robert Young, Ad Hoc Committee Chair presented the report for the Department of Physics.

The commendations were read, noting the ongoing efforts in improving junior faculty retention and recruiting female senior faculty. Undergraduate enrollment is among the top 5 highest enrollments nationally. The Council advised that commendations $4 \& 5$ and $6 \& 9$ be combined, as well as clarifying item 9 to reflect that the undergraduate enrollment number places it in the top five highest enrollments in the country.

The recommendations were read, noting that a large percentage of faculty lines are open (1). Recommendation (2) addresses the funding and hiring inequities between the Department of Physics and the College of Science. Recommendations $5 \& 6$ and $2 \& 8$ should be combined.

## ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the proposal as amended
Vote: Approved unanimously
Action: Upon receipt of the amended report, the report will be discussed at the wrap-up meeting (in attendance: Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dean of the College of Science; Chair of the Department of Physics; and the Dean and Associate Dean of the Graduate School as facilitators). Following the wrap-up meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared by the Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Both the report and the Memorandum of Understanding will be sent to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

## 5. Review of the Department of Biomedical Informatics, School of Medicine

Ann Marie Breznay, Ad Hoc Committee member, presented the report for the Department of Biomedical Informatics.

The commendations were read, and there was no discussion or clarification required.
The recommendations were read, with (1) generating discussion as to the phrase "gain support," which needs definition as to where the burden lies - the Department or College. Item (1) will be reworked to include the external review corresponding comment. Recommendations 3 \& 4 and $6 \& 7$ should be combined.

## ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the review as amended
Vote: Approved unanimously

Action: Upon receipt of the amended report, the report will be discussed at the wrap-up meeting (in attendance: Senior Vice President for Health Sciences; Chair of the Department of Biomedical Informatics, and the Dean and Associate Dean of the Graduate School as facilitators).
Following the wrap-up meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared by the Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Both the report and the Memorandum of Understanding will be sent to the Senior Vice President of Health Sciences for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

