

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

CHAired BY: David Chapman, Dean
TIME: 3:00 pm
DATE: January 26, 2009
PLACE: 300 Park Building

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Nicki Camp, Darrell Davis, Martha Eining, Paolo Gondolo, Chris Lippard, Jay Mace, John Martinez, Pat Murphy, Sally Planalp, Kevin Rathunde, Mary Jane Taylor, Patrick Tresco, Robert Young

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: David Chapman, Graduate School; Fred Rhodewalt, Graduate School; Ed Barbanell, Undergraduate Council

EXCUSED: Ann Marie Breznay, Janell Fluckiger, Julie Fritz, John McDonnell, Nancy Nickman

FINAL AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – 24 November 2008

The Minutes of the 24 November 2008 meeting were approved unanimously as presented.

2. Proposal to create a joint degree: Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) and Master of Science (M.S.) in Mechanical Engineering

Gordon Smith presented a proposal to create a joint degree: Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) and Master of Science (M.S.) in Mechanical Engineering. Kent Udell, Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering, and Glen Schmidt, Associate Professor, OIS Operations & Business Systems, spoke in favor of the proposal. The proposal has the unanimous support of the Mechanical Engineering faculty and the MBA Curriculum Committee. Students are to be simultaneously admitted by both departments and then enrolled in the 74-hour program which will have an emphasis on innovation.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the proposal
Vote: Passed unanimously (13)
Action: Inform the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the David Eccles School of Business of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the proposal. The proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate once minor edits have been received.

3. Proposal to create a joint degree: Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) and Master of Science (M.S.) in Bioengineering

Gordon Smith presented a proposal to create a joint degree: Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) and Master of Science (M.S.) in Bioengineering. Bob Hitchcock, Assistant Professor, Department of Bioengineering, and Glen Schmidt, Associate Professor, OIS Operations & Business Systems, spoke in favor of the proposal. This proposed program will be similar to several others across the country and will be the premier one in the intermountain west.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the proposal

Vote: Passed unanimously (12) with revisions

Action: Inform the Department of Bioengineering and the David Eccles School of Business of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the proposal. The revised proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate once minor edits have been received.

4. Proposal to create a new Doctoral Degree (Ph.D.) in Metropolitan Planning, Policy and Design in the College of Architecture and Planning.

The motion to untable this proposal from the November 2008 meeting was unanimous (12).

Chris Nelson presented the revised proposal to create a new Doctoral Degree (Ph.D.) in Metropolitan Planning, Policy and Design in the College of Architecture and Planning. The additional financial plan detail was noted, and additional letters of support from academic units outside the College of Architecture and Planning have been received.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the proposal with revisions

Vote: Passed with 10 yeas, 1 abstention, and 1 opposed

Action: Inform the College of Architecture and Planning of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the proposal. The revised proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

5. Proposal to create a Metropolitan Research Center in the College of Architecture and Planning

The motion to untable this proposal from the November 2008 meeting was unanimous (12).

Chris Nelson presented the revised proposal for the creation of this Center. The Center will be financially self-sufficient and is part of the College of Architecture and Planning's strategic plan. The requested additional letters of support from academic units outside the College of Architecture and Planning have been obtained.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the proposal with revisions

Vote: Passed with 10 yeas and 2 abstentions

Action: Inform the College of Architecture and Planning of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the proposal. The revised proposal will be forwarded to the Academic Senate.

6. David Chapman put out a call for volunteers to serve on a selection committee for the Graduate Research Fellowship competition.

7. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm