#### **GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**

**CHAIRED BY:** Chuck Wight **TIME:** 3:00 pm

**DATE:** August 30, 2010 **PLACE:** 300 Park

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT</u>: Brian Burton, Amy Butler, Marjorie Chan, Linda Edelman, Paolo Gondolo, Eric Hinderaker, Terry Kogan, Mary Lucero, Susan Niemoyer, Ed Ruddell, Lora Tuesday-Heathfield

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:** Donna White, Chuck Wight

**EXCUSED:** Ed Barbanell, Darrell Davis, Martha Eining, Vladimir Hlady, and Allyson Mower

### FINAL AGENDA

## 1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 29, 2010 meeting were approved.

# 2. Proposed Health and Wellness Statement

Megan DuBois, Director of the Center for Student Wellness, asked for the Council's support of a statement they hope to add to all syllabi. Wellness concerns impact on students' academics and their ability to do well. Inclusion in all syllabi is one avenue that will be used to increase student awareness.

### **ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To provide support for the proposal

**Vote:** Some Council members voiced support

**Action:** Notify Lori McDonald, Associate Dean of Students, and Megan

DuBois that some members of the Graduate Council gave support to the proposal that the Wellness Statement be added to all syllabi.

### 3. Presentation of Proposed Changes to the Graduate Catalog

Chuck Wight presented the new language for the Graduate Catalog. A new statement concerning the publication of theses and dissertations was necessitated due to the move to an electronic thesis format. The section on the Program of Study (Masters's Degrees) was clarified.

### **ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To approve the language as amended

**Vote**: Approved unanimously

**Action:** Insert into the online Graduate Catalog.

#### 4. Presentation of the Graduate Council Review for Social Work

Chris Lippard presented the adhoc committee's report to the Graduate Council. The report noted that this is a one department college with more contract than regular faculty. The reviewers highly praised the department for both its faculty and student diversity. Among the commendations was the fact that the College is highly regarded nationally.

### **ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To approve the proposal as edited

**Vote**: Approved unanimously

**Action:** The report will be sent to the Dean of the College of Social Work

to check for any factual errors. The report will be discussed at the

wrap-up meeting (in attendance: Senior Vice President for

Academic Affairs, Dean of the College of Social Work, 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. Presentation of the Graduate Council Review for Biochemistry

Eric Hinderaker presented the adhoc committee's report to the Council. The Department of Biochemistry is a small and vigorous department. It has a collaborative and distinguished faculty who generate large amounts of grant monies. The department is searching to increase its faculty by 50% and is preparing to meet the challenges that growth will bring.

### **ACTION TAKEN**:

**Motion:** To approve the report as edited

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** The report will be sent to the Department Chair and the Dean of

the College of Medicine to check for any factual errors. The report will be discussed at the wrap-up meeting (in attendance: Senior Vice President for Health Sciences, Dean of the College of Medicine, the Chair of the Department of Biochemistry, 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 Health Sciences for

transmittal to the Academic Senate.

## 6. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM