GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

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

DATE: September 27, 2010 **PLACE:** 300 Park

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT</u>: Martha Bradley, Amy Butler, Tom Cova, Darrell Davis, Linda Edelman, Eric Hinderaker, Vladimir Hlady, Terry Kogan, Allyson Mower, Susan Niemoyer, Ed Ruddell, Lora Tuesday-Heathfield

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Barbanell, Donna White, Chuck Wight

EXCUSED: Brian Burton, Marjorie Chan, Martha Eining, Paola Gondolo, Emma Gross

FINAL AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 30, 2010 meeting were approved with changes.

2. Proposal for the creation of the Rio Mesa Center

Thomas Parks, Vice President for Research, and Sylvia Torti, Station Manager, made the proposal. The four hundred acre site was acquired in 2007 from a private donor. It is primarily a multi-disciplinary field station for environmental studies. Living accommodations are being completed that will house up to forty faculty and students.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: To approve the proposal

Vote: Approved unanimously

Action: Inform Dr. Parks and Dr. Torti of the Graduate Council's decision

to approve the Center proposal. The proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to

the Academic Senate.

3. Presentation of the Graduate Council Review for the Department of History

Ed Ruddell presented the Ad Hoc Committee's report to the Graduate Council. The department has a high national reputation for teaching and research and has the only Ph.D. program in the state. The faculty has received four national book prizes and numerous teaching and mentorship awards. The faculty is stretched thin with the department offering three advanced degrees, specializations, and new thematic areas. Part of the department's strategic plan is to deal with the number of programs.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: To approve the report as edited

Vote: Approved unanimously

Action: The report will be sent to the Dean of the College of Humanities 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 Humanities, Chair of the Department of History 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.

4. Request for a Graduate Council member to serve on the Student Course Feedback Advisory Committee

Tom Cova volunteered to serve on the committee

5. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM