

Graduate Council Meeting minutes

CHAIRED BY: Charles Wight **TIME:** 3:00 PM

DATE: January 31, 2011 **PLACE:** 300 Park

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Bradley; Amy Butler; Tom Cova; Martha Eining; Paolo Gondolo; Emma Gross; Vladimir Hlady; Terry Kogan; Mary Lucero; Allyson Mower; Lora Tuesday-Heathfield.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Barbanell; Donna White; Charles Wight.

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Darrell Davis; Lee Ellington.

FINAL AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes

Minutes from the November 29, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

2. Discussion of the Structure of Program Reviews

Donna White led a discussion about the possible restructuring of program reviews for the School of Business. The change would require bringing five external reviewers to review the whole college at once which would reduce the redundancy that occurred during the last program reviews. Donna has met with Taylor Randall and he is favorable to this idea and he will discuss this with the rest of the college.

For other colleges, program reviews go through the graduate council for review and recommendations.

3. Proposal for the Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Urban Design

Nan Elin from the Department of City and Metropolitan Planning presented. The College of Architecture and Planning is continually growing, specifically the Department of City and Metropolitan Planning which has grown significantly from one staff member to seven with three more coming soon. The college will be hosting one of the biggest conferences this year which will help bring light to the planning department. This certificate would provide a bridge to the business school and its curriculum in real estate. Utah is the first state within the five surrounding states that offers a curriculum in urban design.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Abstained: Martha Bradley

Comments: The designation of professor of practice listed in the proposal is not an official title and will need to be changed to clinical faculty member. This certificate is under 30 hours and does not need approval from the regents, and will be forwarded to the academic senate.

4. Proposal for Environmental Studies Program name change to "The Environmental and Sustainability Studies Program"

Natasha Seegert from Environmental Studies presented. The department has few courses with the word sustainability. Letters of support were received, but not shown to the Graduate Council.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Abstained: Ed Barbanell

Comments: The committee would have liked to see the letters of support, but approved the proposal regardless. The committee questioned whether this name change will prevent other departments from using the word sustainability and suggests future requests should obtain support from other colleges and departments using the word sustainable or sustainability.

5. Self Study for the Center for High Performance Computing

Dave Pershing and Tom parks have had asked the graduate council to do periodic reviews of centers, institutes and bureaus (CIB's). These reviews are to ensure the active CIB's are serving the university well. CIB's that are not large, not negatively affecting the university, and are not using state funds, will most likely not be reviewed. The self study reviews will be approved by the graduate council, but will not be forwarded to the regents. If the graduate council has any concerns, they may ask the administrator to provide support for an external reviewer to come and review the CIB and address the concerns of the graduate council. The University has internal definitions for centers, institutes and bureaus. CIB's are able to hire faculty, but none can house tenure faculty. Self studies will need to include a description of the process the center goes through when removing a faculty member involuntary.

Dr. Julio Facelli from the Center for High Performance Computing presented. He addressed the missing annual budget figures, which he relayed fluctuates around \$2 million dollars and that the university subsidizes monies to help the center function. The center does not pay faculty members, but faculty are able to use the center's resources. Five thousand computer hours are given to faculty proposals each quarter, with four quarters each year. The hardware that is supplied by the CHPC is for research projects. The past year, one user used nine million of the thirty nine million for the year. It is common, nationwide, for high performance centers to have high use users and low use users.

Vote: Approved Unanimously
Abstained: None
Comments: The committee requested the self study include an appendix with all budgetary figures. This will be passed to the senate as an information item.

6. Graduate Council Review for Occupational Therapy

Tom Cova from the Geography department presented. This is a fairly new program, in its tenth year and this is its first review. The department is located in Research Park which restricts their interaction with the rest of the College of Health. External reviewers were impressed with students' capstone research projects. Their staff has a prominent role in mentoring students and they work well with underserved populations and refugees. Recommendations include increasing research activity and interactions with researchers to make partnerships, increase the diversity within the faculty and add a pediatric expertise, and faculty should increase their use of technology and out of class opportunities.

Vote: Approved Unanimously
Abstained: None
Comments: Donna will add the required diversity message in place for the recommendation