Graduate Council Minutes – February 17, 2015

Time 1:30 – 2:43 p.m.
Place Chaffee Conference Room, Riverfront Hall, Room 307A

Present
Janet Holmes, Department of English
David Wilkins, Department of Geosciences
Keith Harvey, College of Business and Economics
Arvin Farid, Department of Civil Engineering
Pam Strohfus, School of Nursing
Greg Hill, Department of Public Policy and Administration
Molly Valceschini, ASBSU, Graduate Representative
Jack Pelton, Graduate College
Tracy Bicknell-Holmes, Library Representative
Christopher Hill, Graduate College
Dawn Ramirez, Graduate College

Absent
Ross Perkins, Department of Educational Technology
Nader Rafla, Faculty Senate Liaison and Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Mark Damm, Registrar’s Office

Guest
Marty Schimpf, Office of the Provost

New Business
Minutes from February 3, 2015
Motion to approve by Janet Holmes, seconded by Tracy Bicknell-Holmes.
Approved unanimously as written.

Approved Consent Agenda Items
1. Proposal from the Department of Educational Technology – Kerry Rice
   - Change the number of credits for EDTECH 524 FIELD EXPERIENCE IN ONLINE
     TEACHING.
   Approved as written on February 25, 2015.

2. Proposal from the Department of Counselor Education – Raissa Miller
   - Change course description for COUN 545 (MHLTHSCI 545) FOUNDATIONS OF
     CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY.
   - Change title and course description for COUN 527 APPLIED RESEARCH.
   Approved as written on February 25, 2015.

Approved Graduate Faculty
Salzman, Noah, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Ph.D., 2014, Purdue University
Seigart, Denise, Nursing; Ph.D., 1999, Cornell University
Siemon, Mark, Nursing; Ph.D., 2014, University of New Mexico

**Approved Adjunct Graduate Faculty**
Dunand, David C., Materials Science and Engineering; Ph.D., 1991, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Vucetich, John A., Biological Sciences; Ph.D., 1999, Michigan Technological University

**Approved Affiliate Graduate Faculty**
Betz, Hillary, Public Policy and Administration; M.A., 2011, Indiana University-Purdue University
Habig, Jeffrey W., Computer Science; Ph.D., 2003, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Heilman, Ann, Public Policy and Administration; M.P.A., 1987, Boise State University

**Program Discontinuation Discussion with Provost Schimpf**

**Question:** What was the process used to discontinue Community and Regional Planning?

**Answer Summary:** We looked at Spring 2015 enrollment and goals established in the NOI. The goals were not being met. The dollars being spent on the program and the credits being taught were outliers. The average load for the department was 35 student credit hours per semester. The average for the university is about 250. For every dollar you’re spending on the program you’re only getting about .10 of it back. There are four other programs we’re eliminating. Community and Regional Planning isn’t the only program we’ve cut. It’s the most serious in terms of we’re cutting programs and a department.

**Question:** Are there things the Graduate Council should be looking for in programs that would help them become stronger?

**Answer Summary:** The main focus is recruiting. We’ve been strategizing about how can we invest in things that will generate a revenue stream. We are looking at beefing up recruitment potential to help get people out there to recruit more students. The president is going to roll out an initiative soon about being proactive about getting faculty out there. The faculty are the best recruiters. They are the people who love to talk about their programs and know what their programs are about.

**Question:** Are there benchmarks for new programs?

**Answer Summary:** For new programs, looking forward we need to be managing our enrollment. For example the new Master of Arts in Political Science program has expected enrollments as outlined in the NOI. The State Board of Education wants to look at the enrollment numbers after 3 year to see if they’ve met their enrollment goals or not.

**Other Business**
Meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.