

Executive Committee
of the
Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

March 2, 2011
Whetten Graduate Center – Giolas Conference Room
3:00 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:03 P.M. Interim Dean Lee A. Aggison, Jr. presided.
2. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2011.
3. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the list of Dissertation Proposals.
4. Barbara Kream, newly-appointed Associate Dean of the Graduate School (Health Center), was introduced to the group.
5. Members considered a program-modification proposal concerning the Graduate Certificate Program in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). The modification involves making the program Web-based. Jeffrey Osleeb, the Head of the Department of Geography, was present to explain the proposal. He responded to questions from the floor.

Following discussion, it was **moved** (W. Abikoff) and seconded (J.G. Clifford and S. De Guise) to approve the proposal. The Motion **passed** without dissent on a voice vote.
6. The proposal from the Department of Kinesiology to change from M.A. to M.S. the master's degree awarded in that Field of Study discussed with Department Head Carl Maresch at the February 2nd meeting was considered. It was **moved** (W. Abikoff), seconded (J.G. Clifford), and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the proposal.
7. The agenda item concerning dual Areas of Concentration was deferred to the April meeting.
8. T. Peters informed the group that the request discussed at the February meeting to approve the S/U grading option for two graduate NURS courses was withdrawn.
9. There was discussion concerning the selection process for the Outstanding Scholars Program.
10. L. Aggison reviewed with members the results of a survey that was conducted concerning professional development workshops recently offered by the Graduate School for graduate students and post docs. Results revealed a high level of participant satisfaction.
11. L. Aggison reviewed with members the results of a survey of faculty concerning the recent demonstration of admissions software by Hobsons. The results generally favored implementation of the software.
12. L. Aggison informed members that Michael Bennett of the Babbidge Library will make a presentation to the Graduate Faculty Council at its next meeting concerning making the transition to electronic submission of dissertations.
13. It was agreed that a meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council will be called for March 16, 2011.
14. Adjournment was at 4:59 PM.

Present: W. Abikoff, A. Albert, J. G. Clifford, S. De Guise, J. Marsden, S. Nunnally, L. Aggison (Interim Dean), C. Lin (Associate Dean), B. Kream (Associate Dean), and T. Peters (Program Director)

Respectfully submitted,

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