

GRADUATE EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

October 15, 2014

The Graduate Council minutes for September 2014 were reviewed. The minutes were reviewed by the Graduate Council members: Armbrust, Byerly (ex officio), Euba, Kalsa, Matthews, and Brocke (ex officio).  
Absent members were Day, Fuchs, Kalsa, Matthews, and Brocke (ex officio).

Minutes of September 24, 2014

The minutes from September 24, 2014 were accepted by the November Graduate Council meeting.

Dean's Report

Dean's Notes to Graduate Council, October 15, 2014

- Redistributing funds for 2015-2016. The 2011 plan has been in place since 2011. This year every department has the full amount promised in 2011. What is happening is that as each 4-year cycle comes to a close the deans and vice chancellors will look to see if more impact would be made by moving some of the money between department chairs, college deans, and upper administration. It is also expected that in addition to the current funds there will be new funding for students and higher stipends. The impact has been to get faculty salaries to the point that will provide college deans with plans, or at least strategic plans, potential for growth, and be looked at in QPFD and the Graduate School. The understanding is that money will go through knowledge the Foundation of new faculty lines or additional resources. This is not a decision that I was involved in something that has evolved over the past several years. University Planning, Learning, and Research. When I became dean of the graduate school I had to resign, or at least, I was asked to resign. I don't know what the next steps will be.
- Graduate Student Health Plan increases. Only one source that can provide health insurance to graduate students. Affairs about what to try next. AG Monaco is looking for new strategies that would include creative use of Americans Afford the average health cost for graduate students of plans that are not as expensive as some individuals will not have to pay the premium for childbirth, etc., and domestic students will not have to pay the premium for international students. The opportunity is significantly more expensive to insure. International students are required to purchase health insurance. HRM is searching for minimum health insurance costs for graduate students to enter from

premiums may be harder to recruit international students. The Graduate Council will increase graduate assistantships.

- The Role of the Graduate Council in University Planning and Budgeting: The University budget decision has an adverse impact on graduate programs. The Council will be asked for the Council to discuss and report on the impact of the budget on graduate programs.
- Graduate Council procedures include the following with their approximate point in the review process:

Education Specialist	Approved
Materials Science and Engineering	Approved
Econometrics	Council Draft
Strategic Communications	Council Draft
Life Span Studies	Council Draft
Library Science	Council Draft
Workforce Development	Council Draft
Behavior and Health	College Draft
Fisheries Management	College Draft
Music	College Draft
Advanced Secondary Math	College Draft
GIS & Spatial Data	College Committee
Climate & Climate Change	College Committee
Wetlands Management	College Committee
Historical Preservation	College Committee
Health Communications	College Committee

#### Agenda Items Report

No report.

#### Chairs Report

No report.

#### Old Business

- DMAF  
The College of Engineering and College of Art & Design have approved the proposal for the Master of Digital Animation. The motion was passed with nine council members approving the proposal and one abstention, and the motion was passed with nine council members approving the proposal and one abstention.
- ETD Committee  
A subcommittee of Faculty and Leaders was formed to review the ETD policy with withholding exceptions. The exceptions are requesting for more information in the document to be withheld from the public. The subcommittee will review the document and create a policy for future requests.

## New Business

- Certificate in Behavior and Health

The approval letters from the department of Behavior and Health are for incoming Kinesiology, Psychology, and Nutrition students. This will transfer into professions and transfer students. It will focus on the inactivity in our nation and the growth of obesity. All students will consider the proposal via email, handing approval letters from the departments, which seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

- Certificate in Life Span Studies

The Graduate Certificate in Life Span Studies requires courses from Communication Sciences and Disorders, Kinesiology, Psychology, and Social Work. The certificate will be offered to professional and reinstatement students. This certificate is very much focused, but can revise after approval by SLIS and KINS. All departments that wish to join the certificate made motions for approval. Consensus was reached and the motion was approved.

- SLIS remove the home exam

Library Science has surveyed other programs and programs. The removal of the home exam would be competitive with peer programs. According to the Board of Trustees, a home exam may be required to be eliminated from a final examination. Chance seconded, and the motion was carried.

- SLIS degree changes

Library Science requested to change the required number of hours for the master's degree from 40 to 36 hours. Chance motioned for approval. A motion seconded, and the motion was passed.

- Minor in Hispanic Studies

The university staff is meeting to discuss the proposal for a minor in Hispanic Studies. The minor will require a minimum of 12 hours and will include at least one 7000 level or above course. A motion was made and seconded, and the motion was approved.

- Theatre Changes

The department did not have a meeting. Information will be required. The Graduate Council will be asked to review via email.

- Theatre Minor

The department did not have a meeting. Information will be required. The Graduate Council will be asked to review via email.



The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Recorded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_