

Graduate Council Meeting December 14, 2009

Attendees: Matthew Aiello-Lammens (GSO), Estie Arkin (Applied Mathematics and Statistics), Ruth Ben-Zvi (Economics), Allegra de Laurentiis (Philosophy), Dante Di Ianni (Graduate Student Advocate), Alicia DeRosalia (Graduate School), Elaine Hoffman (Library), Michael Kifer (Computer Science), Sara Lipton (History), Kent Marks (Graduate School), Lawrence Martin (Dean, Graduate School), Anne McElroy (SoMAS), Susan O'Leary (Psychology), Brian Phillips (Geoscience), Susan Scheckel (English), Arleen Steckel (Nursing School), Charles Taber (Political Science and Associate Dean, Graduate School), Jacobus Verbaarschot (Chair, Physics & Astronomy), Elizabeth Vink (GSO)

Absent Members: A. Laurie Shroyer (Preventative Medicine), Marcia Simon (Dental School)

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by the Graduate Council Chair, Jacobus Verbaarschot.

Approval of minutes

Minutes were approved from the 11/30/09 meeting.

Chair's Report

- Marcia Simon agreed to serve on the Grad Council Fellowship Committee.
- ACTION: Chair to email Council members this week to find out the most convenient time to hold the Graduate Council Meetings next semester.

Old Business

- MA/BA Proposal in Art History
 - Barbara Frank present at meeting to answer Council's questions and concerns about the proposal.
 - Not approved at this time – Council will address again after suggested changes have been made.
- MA Track in Biological Sciences
 - Stephen Post, Andy Flesher and Michael Ross present at meeting.
 - Majority of the Council members approved the proposal with minor revisions. One individual abstained.
- S. Korea Initiative
 - Chair presented updated draft letter to the Council. Discussions and further revisions were made.

- ACTION: Sara Lipton to edit and finalize letter.
- Revised Graduate Certificate in Africana Studies – Approved with minor revisions, which Charles Taber will oversee.

New Business

- Kent Marks discussed Submission of Master Thesis to ProQuest – approved
- Proposal for MA in Marine Conservation and Policy – approved with minor revisions
- Proposal for Writing Certificate – approved with minor revisions
- Proposal for a Credit Change for an MA in Writing and Literature – approved with minor revisions
- Proposal for GIS Certificate
 - Needs to be revised and resubmitted.
 - ACTION: Chair to invite them to a future meeting.

Dean's Report

- Revised Dean's Council of the Graduate School – meetings in CA with alumni were very positive
- Reported on CGS Annual Meeting in San Francisco

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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