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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #968

November 8, 2007
The Graduate Council

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Thursday, November 8, 2007, 3:30 p.m. Lang Hall 115

Present: Christ, Etscheidt, DeFrancisco, DeSoto, Harton, Joseph, Jurgenson, Leutzinger, Marshall, Nelson, Pohl, Waldron, Wurtz

Absent: Moon, Stalp

Guests: Pam Mackay, Diane Wallace

1. Approval of the minutes from October 25, 2007

Jurgenson moved to approve the minutes and Waldron seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as distributed.

2. Comments from Chair about Student Outcomes Assessment and Mini Grants

Pohl is the Graduate Council representative on the Student Outcomes Assessment Committee. The Office of Academic Assessment is offering mini-grants to provide support for assessment related activities and Pohl urged members to apply.

3. Graduate College Reports

Joseph has contacted the Dean of Continuing Education, Dr. Jim Bodensteiner, about offering workshops on alternative forms and successful models of teaching via distance education. Continuing Education employs an instructional developer who could present the workshops. Leutzinger and Marshall will contact Dean Bodensteiner to further discuss this issue.

DeFrancisco reported:

The deadline for submitting nominations for the Distinguished Scholar Award has been extended to November 30.

Fifty-two Summer Fellowship applications were submitted and the committee is meeting next week to determine awardees.

4. Chair of the Graduate Faculty Report

DeSoto reported that Pohl will present a Brown Bag lecture on November 28.

5. New Business

a. Graduate College Curriculum Committee Package

Diane Wallace and Pam MacKay were invited to attend the meeting to answer any questions the committee has about the Graduate Curriculum Package. Jurgenson moved to approve the Graduate Curriculum Package and Etscheidt seconded the motion. After discussion, Pohl called for a vote on the motion to approve the Graduate Curriculum Package and the motion was passed unanimously.

6. Old Business

a. Implementation Plans for Graduate Faculty Recognition Update

The ad hoc committee continues to discuss faculty recognition options.

7. Other

a. Recommendations for next Provost

Joseph is serving on the Provost Search Committee and asked committee members to give her ideas on preferred qualifications for discussion at the next search committee meeting. Members gave several suggestions for qualifications to look for in Provost candidates. Joseph asked members to send specific indicators to her as soon as possible.

b. Task Force Updates

Joseph indicated that the three task forces are meeting and both the Thesis and Graduate Assistantship groups are designing surveys in order to gather pertinent information. The Program Quality Task Force is also discussing the possibility of using a survey.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.