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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #966

October 11, 2007
The Graduate Council

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Thursday, October 11, 2007, 3:30 p.m., Lang Hall 115

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

Absent: Christ, Moon

Guests: Pam Mackay, Susie Schwieger

1. Pohl called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Pohl welcomed Dr. Cathy DeSoto, Graduate Faculty Chair, to the Council.

2. Approval of the minutes from September 27, 2007

Nelson moved to approve the minutes and Marshall seconded the motion. Jurgenson stated there is an error under Graduate College Reports; 3.G. The corrected sentence should read, "Found the percent of graduate credit hours taught by tenure/tenure track faculty in all colleges is well over the 85% goal recommended by the Graduate Council; can continue to grant temporary graduate faculty status as needed." Minutes were approved as corrected.

3. Graduate College Reports

DeFrancisco stated the Graduate College Curriculum Committee is meeting weekly. The Professional Development Assignment selection committee will meet Monday.

Joseph asked Schwieger to report on her recruiting efforts.

Schwieger has participated in recruitment fairs at the following institutions so far this semester:

Luther College

University of Illinois-Chicago

Wartburg College

At the end of October, Schwieger and several faculty from UNI will attend recruitment events at Xavier University and Southern University-New Orleans.

4. Chair of the Graduate Faculty Report

DeSoto stated the first Graduate Faculty Brown Bag lecture will be presented by Dr. Carl Thurman, UNI Distinguished Scholar and Professor of Biology, on October 17. There will be one more Brown Bag this semester and three will be scheduled for the spring semester.

5. New Business

a. Implementation Plans for Graduate Faculty Recognition

The Graduate Faculty Recognition Report has been accepted by the Council. Pohl opened the floor for suggestions on how to implement recognition for faculty. After a lengthy discussion, a Roll of Honor was suggested as one way to recognize faculty. An ad hoc committee of Wurtz, Leutzinger and Nelson was formed to develop criteria and guidelines for the Roll of Honor.

b. Graduate Program Offerings via Distance Education Platforms

Pohl tabled the discussion on this issue until the next meeting.

6. Old Business

a. Task Force Committee Compositions

Joseph asked for assistance in developing the charges and for a volunteer to be the facilitator for the three Graduate Task Force Committees: Graduate Assistant (Stalp), Graduate Program Quality (Pohl) and Thesis Guidelines (Etscheidt). Joseph will distribute draft charges for review to Council members.

7. Other

None.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m