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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #961

February 8, 2007
The Graduate Council

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Thursday, February 8, 2007

Present: Etscheidt, Harton, Joslyn, Jurgenson, Mack, Marshall, Nelson, Pohl, Thompson

Absent: Koch, Lynch, Moon, alternate Hans Isakson for Bowlin, alternate Syed Kirmani for Prophet

Alternates: Jennifer Waldron for Hensley

Guests: Patti Rust, Pam Mackay, John Fecik

1. Announcements from the Chair of the Council

Thompson encouraged council members, who have not done so, to submit a short bio that will be placed on the Graduate College website.

Hans Isakson from the College of Business Administration will be the alternate for William (Bud) Bowlin for the rest of this semester.

2. Approval of the minutes from January 11, 2007

There were no corrections to the minutes; therefore, they were approved as distributed.

3. Graduate College Reports

Joslyn encouraged members to promote the Brown Bag presentations among colleagues. Laura Jackson will present the next Brown Bag lecture on March 28 on the topic of "The New Professional Science Masters in Ecosystem Management".

The Psychology department is proposing a fifth year graduate program for students who have a B.A. and an Industrial/Organizational certificate from UNI. The fifth year program supplements the existing two-year program. The proposal has been submitted to the Graduate College Curriculum Committee and Joslyn hopes to bring the proposal before the Graduate Council at the next meeting.

4. Chair of the Graduate Faculty Report

None.

5. Old Business

Thompson introduced John Fecik who is serving as chair of the task force on defining graduate faculty status. Fecik distributed a compilation of suggested changes to the Constitution of the Graduate Faculty that were submitted by the task force. After a

lengthy discussion, Thompson recommended the Council review the document and bring any comments to the next meeting.

Kim MacLin is the chair of the task force that is researching ways in which graduate faculty may be recognized and rewarded. In MacLin's absence, Thompson provided an update from the committee and reported that they are still deliberating on some issues. Their focus to date has been in four areas: existing awards, programmatic awards, departmental recognition, and benchmarking with other institutions.

6. New Business

Thompson introduced Patti Rust and Pam Mackay from the Registrar's Office. Two handouts were distributed for committee review: the current graduation application and notes from an ad hoc committee comprised of Harton, Etscheidt, Rust and Mackay. This committee was charged with developing a process to automate the graduation application for graduate students. Even though the process would allow for on-line approvals, the committee decided not to implement this feature; therefore, departments will be responsible for transmitting any problems to Mackay.

7. Adjournment

Thompson moved to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed.