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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #955

April 27, 2006
The Graduate Council

UNI Graduate Council Minutes No. 955

Thursday, April 27, 2006, 3:40 p.m., Lang 115

Present: Etscheidt, Joslyn, Jurgenson, Koch, Kirmani (alternate for Prophet), Mack, MacLin, Moore, Nelson, Pohl, Rajendran, Thompson, Wallingford

Absent: Bozylinsky, Hensley, Petersen

Guest: Pam Mackay

1. Minutes from March 23, 2006

Nelson moved to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion was seconded and passed.

2. Announcements from the Chair of the Council

MacLin reminded the Council they are co-hosts of the graduate reception scheduled for Friday, May 5 in downtown Cedar Falls.

3. Graduate College Reports

Koch distributed invitations to the graduate reception and asked Council members to encourage all graduate students to attend.

Koch reported that the UNI MBA program will be featured in the Princeton Business School MBA newsletter. The article will include quotes from students and acknowledgement of the faculty who teach MBA courses.

Over the next couple of months, Koch plans to meet with incoming President Allen, members of the Cabinet, and the deans to discuss collaboration regarding the goals of the new Strategic Plan for Graduate Education. Koch has met with Frank Esser, Director of Collegiate Development and Vice-President for Marketing & Advancement at UNI. The current development model does not include the Graduate College. Koch would like to bring in a consultant to assist with efforts to meet the goals of the Strategic Plan for Graduate Education.

Joslyn gave an update on the status of the transition from WebCT to MyUniverse for submitting and tracking graduate forms such as the program of study, student requests,

graduation applications, etc. The Registrar's Office has given this project a top priority since the current version of WebCT will be used only for archival purposes beginning August 2006. By mid-May, the Registrar's Office hopes to have the program of study ready for production. Student request forms will be developed next.

4. Chair of the Graduate Faculty Report

Wallingford reported that the Campus Advisory Committee met to discuss a report that will be sent to the Board of Regents and will be available to staff at UNI. The Advisory Committee will meet with President Allen in the fall.

Dr. John Johnson, Professor of History, will be the first Brown Bag speaker in the fall.

5. Information: Presidential Search Update

MacLin reported that the Campus Committee for the Presidential Search felt the search process was fair and proper. All staff had the opportunity to provide input, not just committee members.

6. Action: Election to Faculty Strategic Planning Committee

Pohl has been the representative to the Faculty Strategic Planning Committee but her term is up. Thompson moved that Pohl be reelected to serve another term. Motion was seconded by Nelson and passed.

7. Discussion/Action: Charge to Committee for the Friend of Graduate Education Award

MacLin distributed a charge she drafted for the Friend of Graduate Education Award Organizational Committee. The organizational committee will write the charge for the selection committee. No action was taken on the charge but the organizational committee should be formed at the first meeting of the Graduate Council in the fall.

8. Other Business

MacLin distributed certificates to those members whose terms are expiring this year.

9. Adjournment

Moore moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Uehle
Secretary