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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #953

March 9, 2006
The Graduate Council

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Thursday, March 9, 2006, 3:40 p.m., Lang 115

Present: Bozylinsky, Etscheidt, Joslyn, Jurgenson, Neuhaus (alternate for Moore), Nelson, Petersen, Pohl, Prophet, Rajendran, Thompson, Wallingford

Absent: Hensley, Koch, Mack, MacLin

Guest: Dr. Jim Lubker, Interim Provost

Jurgenson chaired the meeting in MacLin's absence.

1. Minutes from February 9, 2006

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

2. Announcements from the Chair of the Council

Jurgenson reported that the number of presidential candidates has been narrowed to six and phone interviews are being conducted. Final candidates will be on-campus during April.

3. Graduate College Reports

None.

4. Chair of the Graduate Faculty Report

Wallingford reported that the last Brown Bag Lecture for the year was presented yesterday by Helen Harton on the thought provoking topic, "Political Orientation and Racism: Are Liberals Less Prejudiced than Conservatives"?

5. Information/Discussion: Budget Situation, Provost Jim Lubker

Lubker indicated he has been talking with various groups across campus about the budget situation of the state and university. The university may not receive enough new money to meet contractual obligations for the next fiscal year. No decisions about

reductions can be made until the dollar amount of the shortfall is known. Extensive discussion followed on budget related issues.

6. Information/Action: Outstanding Graduate Faculty Teaching Award selection committee

Joslyn asked for volunteers to serve on the committee for the Outstanding Graduate Faculty Teaching Award. Pohl and Rajendran volunteered and Jurgenson forwarded Cherin Lee's name from the College of Natural Sciences. Samuel Gladden will also serve on the committee.

7. Discussion/Action: Policy Revision for Suspension of Non-Degree Graduate Students

Joslyn asked for comments about the proposed language change to the "Graduate College Review of Departmental Dismissal" policy. Jurgenson indicated the wording is unclear regarding the gpa requirements. Joslyn will rewrite the text pertaining to gpa deficiencies and return the policy to Phil Patton for approval. The new wording that will allow non-degree seeking students to reapply for admission after suspension was acceptable to the Council.

8. Other Business

None.

9. Adjournment

Rajendran moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Uehle
Secretary