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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #951

January 26, 2006
The Graduate Council

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Thursday, January 26, 2006, 3:40 p.m., Lang 115

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

Absent: Hensley, Koch, Thompson

Guests: Phil Patton, Pam Mackay, John Fecik

1. Minutes from December 1, 2005

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

2. Announcements from the Chair of the Council

MacLin mentioned the Office of Sponsored Programs Brown Bag Lunch Series. These informal discussions will focus on grant seeking and writing.

MacLin gave an update on the Presidential search process that is moving very quickly. She urged everyone to complete the feedback form which is a link off the front page of the UNI website.

3. Graduate College Reports

Joslyn and MacLin reported on the Academic Rigor and Plagiarism groups that have been meeting. Joslyn can add any interested individual to the email distribution lists.

4. Chair of the Graduate Faculty Report

Wallingford reported that two more Brown Bag Lectures have been scheduled. Kevin Finn will speak about "Preventing Childhood Obesity: It starts sooner than you might think" on February 15, and Helen Harton will present "Political Orientation and Racism: Are Liberals Less Prejudiced than Conservatives?" on March 8. The February 15 lecture will be held in the College Eye Room and the March 8 lecture will be held in the State College Room of Maucker Union.

The Annual Graduate Faculty meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2006 in Seerley 115 at 3:30 p.m.

All employees are invited to participate in the Campus Conversations that will be held February 17 in Maucker Union Old Central Ballroom. An announcement will be placed in UNIONline soon.

President Koob spoke at a Campus Advisory Group meeting and discussed funding for higher education. The state is reallocating money and funds that might have been distributed to universities are now being reallocated to the Iowa Values Fund, etc. Koob indicated UNI can grow tuition dollars through out-of-state students and many graduate students are not lowans.

5. Subcommittee Reports

No reports.

6. Information/Action: Graduate College Review of Department Dismissal

Joslyn distributed a copy of the Academic Discipline policy pertaining to non-degree seeking students who have been suspended. The policy does not outline a procedure to allow these students to reapply for admission. After discussion, the consensus of the Council favored a policy that would allow for possible reinstatement after suspension for non-degree seeking students. Joslyn will draft the policy and forward it to Patton and Mackay before distributing it to the Council.

7. Information: Graduate Education Strategic Planning

MacLin distributed the most recent draft of the Strategic Plan for Graduate Education. She indicated that the mission, goals and objectives have been finalized but the strategies are still in process. Council members provided several suggestions for change and any additional suggestions may be sent to MacLin or Joslyn. At some point, a draft will be distributed to all graduate faculty. A final draft of the plan should be ready for Council review at the February 9, 2006 meeting.

8. Other Business

Rajendran asked if a member of the Presidential Search Committee could be invited to another Graduate Council meeting. MacLin said she would invite one of the committee members to the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

Nelson moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.