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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #948

October 27, 2005

The Graduate Council

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Thursday, October 27, 2005, 3:40 p.m., Lang 115

Present: Bozylinsky, Etscheidt, Hensley, Joslyn, Jurgenson, Koch, Mack, MacLin, Moore, Nelson, Pohl, Prophet, Rajendran, Thompson, Wallingford

Absent: Petersen, Walker

Guests: Dr. John Fecik, Patti Rust and Pam Mackay (UNI Registrar's Office)

1. Minutes from October 13, 2005

MacLin reported that this will not be the first time a graduate student will be the commencement speaker. Rajendran moved to accept the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded and passed.

2. Announcements from the Chair of the Council

MacLin is on a Faculty Senate subcommittee to evaluate the potential need for reinstating the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching. A short questionnaire will be distributed to Council members.

3. Graduate College Reports

Koch reported that the graduate education Carver institute is progressing as planned. Five proposals for the 2006 institute have been submitted and the selection committee will meet within the next couple of weeks.

Koch also reported that five staff members from the office of Human Resource Services have been temporarily relocated in the Graduate College.

4. Chair of the Graduate Faculty Report

Wallingford reported that the next Brown Bag Seminar is scheduled for November 30, 2005 and will be presented by Ken Brown and Fred Abraham from the Department of Economics. The topic will be, "The Principles of Macroeconomics Course as an Early Predictor of Undergraduate Business School Performance".

5. Subcommittee Reports

The subcommittee to research the Graduate Faculty Constitution regarding conflicts of interest has met and Thompson will distribute a draft at the next meeting.

6. Information/Discussion: Online Graduate Student Forms

Patti Rust and Pam Mackay were present to provide an update on the Online Graduate Student Program of Study. Testing could take place this fall and after the curriculum is finalized next spring, real data could be entered for the 2006-07 academic year.

Discussion centered on whether different parameters could be set by each program regarding registration holds. Rust indicated this is possible. Graduate coordinators will be allowed to specify the option that works best for their program.

Online student requests and graduation applications will be designed and implemented at a later date.

7. Information/Discussion: Graduate Education Strategic Planning

MacLin distributed copies of the draft mission and goals for Graduate Education at UNI. After discussion centering on the goals, MacLin indicated she will take the suggestions to the next Graduate Education Strategic Planning meeting.

8. Other Business

Koch and Joslyn will meet with Pat Geadelmann to discuss the possibility of submitting a proposal to obtain federal funding for a graduate project. A strategy that has been effective is to tag onto a successful project that has already been funded.

9. Adjournment

Thompson moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Uehle
Secretary