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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #900

November 9, 2000

Present: Coulter, Clayton, Hanson, Jackson, Rajendran, Somervill, Utz, Vajpeyi, Walker, Wallingford, Wartick, Wong

Absent: Bankston, Bozlinsky, Dolgener, Smaldino,

Visitors: Mohammed Fahmy - Industrial Technology, Pam MacKay - Registrar's Office

Action on minutes #899 were approved as published.

Jackson spoke first for the Graduate Dean's report. The Outcome Assessments Committee has requested the Graduate Council to formally approve the Criteria for SOA Draft Plans which have been previously used as the guide for the development of SOA plans for all graduate programs. A question was raised regarding Section C1.

"Frequency of Assessments are assessments scheduled at least at the four points of declaration of major, mid-program, program completion, and post-graduation." With only a two-year program it is not a long enough time period to have four points. Utz moved to amend statement C1 to read: "Frequency of assessments are assessments scheduled for at least three of the four points of declaration of major, mid-program, program completion, and post- graduation." Rajendran seconded, motion to amend passed. Utz moved to approve as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

Walker then updated the Council on the Outstanding Master's Thesis awards. This year there are four awards including Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation, Outstanding Master's Thesis, Outstanding Creative Master's Thesis, and Outstanding Graduate Paper. The winners of these awards will be presented at the meeting of the Graduate Faculty in the spring.

Somervill reported on a recent minority recruitment trip to New Orleans, Louisiana and Tallahassee, Florida. Darrell Taylor, Barbara Fast, John McCormick, Bill Downs, Julia Wallace, and Chuck Means represented UNI. There were a total of 167 personal interviews with students at four Universities which included Southern University of New Orleans, Dillard University, Xavier University, and Florida A&M University. Departments are following up on the contacts.

The next item on the agenda was action on a policy for transfer credit from Master's Programs to Doctoral Programs. The sub-committee met and presented the Council with suggested changes to the catalog. Changes to the Doctor of Industrial Technology program are in bold type.

#3 Credit from other institutions:

A student can apply toward the doctorate either transfer credit (a maximum of 12 hours) or credit from a second or third masters degree (maximum of 6 hours), but not both or any combination of the two.

Masters Degree Credit. A maximum of six (6) hours of graduate credit applied to meet the requirements of a second or third masters degree may be applied toward the doctorate, subject to the Recency of Credit regulation. These hours must be approved by the Doctor of Industrial Technology Advisory Committee or the Graduate Programs Committee and the Department Head.

Hanson moved to accept the changes made in the catalog for the Doctor of Industrial Technology regarding transfer credits. Rajendran seconded, motion passed. It was decided to postpone action on the Doctor of Education policy until the sub-committee could get feedback from Curriculum and Instruction.

Pam MacKay reported from the Registrar's office about action on a policy for "continuing enrollment" of Master's students. A written proposal has been presented to the Cabinet, which is discussing suggested fees. Depending on approval by the Cabinet next Monday, the proposal will be submitted to the Board of Regents for approval of the fee structure. The course has been named Graduate Continuing Scholar. Fees will allow graduate students enrolled to have access to the Library's databases, ITS, and to the Wellness Center. This course will be available as of May 1, 2001 if approved by the Regents. Exceptions can be made on an individual basis before May 1st if needed in the Registrar's office. Coulter moved to accept the Graduate Continuing Scholar course. Hanson seconded, motion passed.

Wartick moved the Council go into executive session. Wong seconded, motion passed. After coming out of executive session, Utz moved to approve the decision of the sub-committee to select Dr. Joseph Smaldino from Communicative Disorders as the 2001-2002 University of Northern Iowa Distinguished Scholar. Coulter seconded, motion passed.

Items for publication include the Graduate College Newsletter to begin publication during the spring session. The Survey of Faculty Research and Creative Interests will be on the Graduate College web site by the end of the current semester.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Taya Ingerslev
Secretary