

## **Graduate Council Minutes January 17, 2008**

Present: Jennifer Clarke, Chair, Michelle Athanasiou, Dianna Gray, Kacy Guill, Sean O'Halloran, Brian Johnson, Rutilio Martinez, Robert Murray, Hannah Schertz, Robbyn Wacker

The meeting was called to order.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Agenda was approved by voice vote.

The December 6<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed. There needs to be a change to the last sentence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page to read..."and Dianna Gray volunteered to work with the committee". Motion to approve minutes was made with that change and passed by voice vote.

Robbyn thanked everyone for the wonderful gift and the assistance with graduation during her absence.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

Jennifer handed out questions to ask faculty about how to move scholarship forward at UNC. Please ask your faculty to respond. Send responses to Frances and the Graduate School will compile them for the February meeting. Some general issues were discussed.

The revised Ed.D. to Ph.D. in Special Education program was discussed. There was a discussion about providing more Stats classes online.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Program Review Committee Report**

Council discussed and decided that we needed a broader review team. Council would like to share the responsibility of reviewing dissertations each semester. A list will be developed of grad council members who will review theses and dissertations on a rotation each semester. Hanna will provide Frances the list.

Council will create a rubric for grad council faculty and also some guidelines for faculty when they nominate graduate student's thesis or dissertation. It was decided that faculty could nominate more than one student. Faculty will be asked to nominate students for the semester the student plans on participating in the graduation ceremony. The nomination deadline for Outstanding Thesis/Dissertation will be no later than the Tuesday after the last day for filing of a Thesis and Doctoral Dissertation. Hanna will send a document outlining the changes and it will be voted on at the March meeting. The second idea was to provide faculty with the book about dissertation quality to graduate coordinators. Also have the book store order copies for the campus.

#### **Standards Committee**

No report

The Provost would like to attend a Graduate Council meeting. Council will try to invite Abe to the February Council meeting.

The March Council meeting will be rescheduled to March 13 instead of March 20<sup>th</sup> which is during spring break. If the Provost is unable to attend the February meeting, he will be invited to the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There was discussion about how stipends would be paid to a teaching/graduate assistant. Would like to have stipends paid based on hours worked not credit hours taught. There was also discussion regarding scholarships for graduate students.

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.