

**Graduate Council Meeting  
November 20, 2008  
Minutes**

Attendance: Dianna Gray, Angela Henderson, Rutilio Martinez, Brian Johnson, Sean O'Halloran, Wendy Highby, Robbyn Wacker

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Motion to approve the agenda was made and approved by vote. Motion to defer the approval of the 10/16 minutes to the December 11 meeting, motion passed.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Sean will prepare language that will increase the membership in Graduate Council for Faculty Senate review.

There was discussion regarding the issue of reviewing dissertation awards:

- Timing
- Qualitative vs. quantitative - how specialized one has to be to read;
- Having more readers

Some ideas for recruiting readers/reviewers of honors nominations:

- Recruit external readers
- Recruit faculty who are not on Council
- Establish a bank of readers; DRE and GF; would need to know review deadlines graduate faculty have enough advance warning.

Also, in the request for nomination letter, clarify that nominees are to be graduating in the semester for which they are nominated.

Robbyn discussed:

- Graduate workload and tuition modeling that she and Abe are working on.
- Reciprocity for other university faculty to become GF; Robbyn will review the current policies and work with standards to review the policy.
- The monopoly timeline was discussed

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Standards Committee**

The committee approved the graduate faculty appointments as submitted. Approved by verbal vote; 6 yea 0 no.

**Program Review**

No Report

**Graduate Student Association**

No Report

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The December Graduate Council meeting was moved to 12/11 at 3pm.

Standards Committee will meet on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 in Carter 3001. Program Review will also meet on December 4<sup>th</sup> in Brian's office in McKee.

Abe attended the faculty meeting in APCE.

Email for graduate students will be set up as follows: first.name.lastname@unco.edu

Meeting was adjourned 5:03pm.