

# Graduate Council Minutes

## March 13, 2008

*Present:* Jennifer Clarke, Chair; Michelle Athanasiou, Dianna Gray, Ellen Gregg, Kacy Guill, Rutilio Martinez, Robbyn Wacker, Frances Braafhart, recording secretary

*Absent:* Brian Johnson, Robert Murray, Tracy Mueller, Sean O'Halloran

### INFORMATION ITEMS

Agenda approved. The February 21 minutes also approved.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provost Harraf's visit to Graduate Council will be rescheduled. The first choice is 4/3/08.

### ACTION ITEMS

No Program Review report.

No Standards Committee report.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dianna Gray distributed a draft of the "Hallmarks of an Institution" paper. Under the Hallmarks of Scholarship section, Dianna will add sections to include Charting the Future items from the Graduate School and the Academic Plan. Dianna Gray will provide a copy for review by Council and she will frame the faculty responses as recommendations for improvements. This document will be prepared for the Provost's visit in April.

Dianna will also prepare an executive summary for review by Graduate Faculty on 3/25. Issues to address:

#### Question 1

- University culture
- Value of faculty research
- Research facilities

#### Question 2

- Merit system that truly rewards faculty
- Teaching load
- Teaching & research
- Ratio workload
- Research incentive funds for grants
- Start up funds – diversity across schools
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#### Question 3

- No changes/additions

#### Question 4

- No changes

The Graduate Faculty Forum is on March 24, and Dianna will present this paper. This report will not have solutions but it is a good opportunity to be heard.

Presentation will include an overview of Graduate school data, enrollment and other issues.

Jennifer would like to include a plan to the Graduate Faculty Forum to increase membership of Council.

Should Council have representation from each school and develop a structure where there would be an Advisory Group?

Discussion continued regarding subcommittees and if a committee should be developed to review Graduate School awards.

There was a suggestion to go online to view other Council memberships and organization from other schools.

There will be further discussion regarding Graduate Faculty criteria for Directors and the appointment cycle for Graduate Faculty.

### COMMENTS

Robbyn will host the final Graduate Council meeting at her home on 5/1/08.

Meet adjourned at 4:45pm. Respectfully submitted by Frances Braafhart