Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Council Members Present: JoAnn Canales, Luis Cifuentes, Chuck Etheridge, Eve Layman, Thomas Naehr, Patricia Olenick, Marvarene Oliver, Anita Reed, Steve Seidel, Scott Sherman, Corinne Valadez

Council Members Absent: Richard Balkin, Jim Gibeaut, Claudia McDonald, Jim Lee, Lee Smee, Virginia Wheeless,

Council Ex-Officio Present: Sherrye Garrett, Sarah Sutton,

I. Approval of Minutes from October 27, 2011

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.

Moved: The motion was made by Dr. Reed.

Second: The motion was seconded by Dr. Etheridge.

The minutes, as read, were unanimously approved.

II. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Committee - Dr. Etheridge

Dr. Etheridge recommended COMM 5399 for approval and reported that two courses submitted from the COB - FINA 5325 and 5330 would be reconsidered for approval. Recommendation was unanimously approved.
B. College of Education – Dr. Canales

Dr. Canales recommended that the catalog copy be approved. Questions were raised regarding the proposed track in Counseling and it was considered a substantive change requiring a different approval process. Dr. Oliver reported that the track was in place since 2010 and the catalog description was documenting what was already in place.

Questions regarding the kinesiology courses were also raised. Changes to courses were largely a reorganization of the content and were not substantive. Recommendation was unanimously approved.

C. College of Liberal Arts – Dr. Reed

This item had already been addressed in the October 27, 2011 meeting.

D. College of Science & Engineering – Dr. Naehr

Dr. Naehr distributed the executive summary:
He reported that there appear to be a lot of inconsistencies among programs in the catalog and guidance from the grad council for a format might be warranted.
Additionally, a lot of issues with the initial Acalog version submitted have been addressed. Editing corrections for the Marine Biology program were suggested and he recommended approval of the catalog copy as amended.
Unanimously approved.
III. New Graduate Course Requests - Dr. Cifuentes

Dr. Cifuentes requested grad council input regarding the practice of new course requests being submitted for approval by a non-faculty member. The consensus of the members was that if the course was approved at the departmental and college level, the author of the course was irrelevant in the grad council approval process. However, there is no guarantee that the non-faculty author will be granted graduate faculty status in order to be able to teach the course. The item will be added to those to be considered by the Doctoral Program Working Group.

IV. Matters Arising

Dr. Layman announced that the Board of Regents had approved a request to plan a DNP (Nursing Practitioner Doctorate). A request for the new program process was requested. Dr. Canales will forward the process to grad council members.

V. Adjournment:

Dr. Sherman moved to adjourn at 1:15 p.m.