

**MINUTES  
GRADUATE COUNCIL  
October 15, 2009  
1:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Chair, Dr. Joseph Delfino, Dr. Virginia Dodd, Dr. Leslie Odom, Dr. Craig Osenberg, Dr. Sharleen Simpson, Dr. Leonardo Villalón, Dr. Peggy Wallace, Dr. Kim Walsh-Childers

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Peter Hansen, Dr. Christopher Janiszewski, Dr. Maureen Keller-Wood, Dr. Michael Marsiske, Mr. Matthew Michel (GSC), Mr. Matthew Goldstein (GSC)

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Ms. Andrea Andrews (Agricultural Education and Communication), Dr. Selcuk Erenguc (College of Business Administration), Dr. Zina Evans (Office of Admissions), Ms. Adrienne Gentry (Agricultural Education and Communication), Mr. Steve Pritz (Registrar), Dr. Edward Schaefer (College of Fine Arts), Dr. Michelle Tillander (College of Fine Arts), Dr. Elaine Turner (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Karen Bradley (recording), Dr. Laurence Alexander, Ms. Gann Enholm, Ms. Rimjhim Banerjee, Ms. Stacy Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Welcome and introduction of new council members. Dr. Ken Gerhardt welcomed the 2009-2010 council to the first meeting of the 2009-2010 academic year. There was no meeting in September because there were no agenda items. The members of council introduced themselves.
2. **Minutes from the May 21, 2009 meeting.** Approved unanimously via online voting.
3. **Proposal for a waiver of GRE requirements for the MA in Art Education and the MM in Music Education.** Dr. Edward Schaefer and Dr. Michelle Tillcader presented the proposal. For these two degrees, the GRE is not a good measure to assess student's abilities. Data was presented to show that students with low GRE component scores are very successful in completing these degrees. ETS acknowledges that GRE scores are less relevant the longer the applicant has been out of college. The target population for these two masters degrees are working professionals, who seek degrees that will enable them to achieve certain teaching certifications. These students do not typically seek the PhD. PhD applicants come from a different pool of candidates who specifically want to teach at the college/university level. The MA in Art Education requires one course from the college of education; the MM in Music Education does not have any requirement from the college of education. These programs are talent

based and portfolios are a significant part of the admissions process. Approved: unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2010. No further approvals required.

4. **Proposal to terminate the Masters degrees in Dairy Science and in Poultry Science.** Dr. Elaine Turner indicated that this proposal is needed to clean up the college degree inventory because these are no longer needed in the college. Students with interests in these areas are included in the Animal Sciences major. Approved: unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2009 or when all other approvals received.
5. **Proposal to remove the concentration of Insurance from the degrees of Master of Science and Master of Arts in Business Administration.** Dr. Selcuk Erenguc indicated this proposal is needed to clean up the degree inventory because these concentrations have not been used in several years. The college has moved many concentration to majors over the past several years. Approved: unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2009 or when all other approvals received

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

##### **Job Placement Database for recent PhD graduates**

This database was developed by the Graduate School and ISIS Admin to gather data elements concerning job placements for PhD students. This data, by major, department and college, is being compiled at the request of the university president. The broad data categories include type of employment as academic, post-doc, or non-academic. Data are currently available for colleges to review. If programs such as university wide fellowships need data on specific students, they will need to contact the student's home department.

Although nearly 100% of our PhD students complete the Survey of Earned Doctorates, the data is collected throughout the final semester; often the student has not committed to a first job when they submit the SED information. It is hoped that this data will be useful for academic programs to post summary/aggregated information about their graduates' first positions, and that subsequently there will be annual updates.

**The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2009**