

## **Graduate Council Meeting November 30, 2009**

**Attendees:** Matthew Aiello-Lammens (GSO), Estie Arkin (Applied Mathematics and Statistics), Alicia DeRosalia (Graduate School), Elaine Hoffman (Library), Michael Kifer (Computer Science), Sara Lipton (History), Kent Marks (Graduate School), Lawrence Martin (Dean, Graduate School), Anne McElroy (SoMAS), Susan O'Leary (Psychology), Susan Scheckel (English), Marcia Simon (Dental School), Arleen Steckel (Nursing School), Charles Taber (Political Science and Associate Dean, Graduate School), Jacobus Verbaarschot (Chair, Physics & Astronomy), Elizabeth Vink (GSO)

**Absent Members:** Ruth Ben-Zvi (Economics), Allegra de Laurentiis (Philosophy), Dante Di Ianni (Graduate Student Advocate), Brian Phillips (Geoscience), A. Laurie Shroyer (Preventative Medicine)

**The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by the Graduate Council Chair, Jacobus Verbaarschot.**

### **Approval of minutes**

Minutes were approved from the 11/16/09 meeting with minor revisions.

### **Chair's Report**

- Chair is on a task force about teacher's evaluations – working on a system to do evaluations electronically. Next fall will be the pilot.

### **Old Business**

- S. Korea Initiative
  - Chair presented updated draft letter to the Council. Discussions and further revisions were made.
  - ACTION: Chair to edit letter further and present to Council again for approval before sending.
- Revised MA/BA Proposal in Art History
  - ACTION: Invite them to the next meeting to answer Council's questions.

### **New Business**

- Revision of MA/PhD in Art History – approved
- Proposal for a DDS-MCB PhD degree – approved
- Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Africana Studies
  - ACTION: Chair to request a current faculty list and ask them to make Council's suggested revisions before being approved.

- Proposal for MA in Biological Sciences
  - ACTION: Chair to ask them to make Council's suggested revisions before being approved.

### **Dean's Report**

- Discussed Tuition on Research Grants (handout)
- Informed Council that the Provost has decided to move International Services to be with International Academic Programs on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Melville Library
- Informed Council that the next Graduate Bulletin is going to be electronic, which will allow it to be kept current
- Charles Taber and the Dean met with Peterson's (publishing co.)
- Discussed continued progress of Master's Initiative – met with Senate Committee

**\*At close of meeting, the Chair reminded Council that the Graduate Council Fellowship needed volunteers and to let him know if anyone was interested.**

### **Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.**

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