

## UNL GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Room 206, Seaton Hall

The UNL Graduate Council convened at 3:35 p.m. in Room 206 in Seaton Hall. Present were: Professors Christina Falci, Rhonda Fuelberth, Laurie Thomas Lee, Clinton Rowe, Melanie Simpson, David Smith; graduate student representatives: Curtis Walker, Ignacio Correas, Karen DaSilva; Ex-officio members: Dean Lance Pérez and Associate Dean Laurie Bellows; and Jane Schneider, Office of Graduate Studies. Members absent: Professors Ted Hamann, Shannon Bartelt-Hunt; and graduate student representative: Greg DeGirolamo. Dean Lance Pérez presided.

### GSA Report

Curtis Walker introduced Ignacio Correas, President and Karen DaSilva, Executive Vice-President of GSA for the 16-17 academic year.

- Ignacio reported that GSA is planning to use the \$24,500 approved by ASUN senate for graduate student travel, professional development and networking activities.

### Approval of March 10, 2016 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### Approval of New Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Nutrition, Non-coding RNAs and Extracellular Vesicles (N2V)

A motion was made and seconded to approve an interdisciplinary graduate certificate in Nutrition, Non-coding RNAs and Extracellular Vesicles (N2V) as amended. The department will be asked to clarify credit hours. Motion passed unanimously.

### Approval of New Graduate Certificate in Public Relations & Social Media

A motion was made and seconded to approve a graduate certificate in Public Relations & Social Media. Motion passed unanimously.

### Graduate Studies 2015 Annual Report

Dean Pérez passed out the Graduate Studies 2015 Annual Report and thanked the Office of Graduate Studies for compiling the information.

### CIRTL

Dean Pérez informed the Council about accepting an invitation to join the *Center for Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning* (CIRTL) Network. As a member of CIRTL, UNL will develop programs and resources built on the CIRTL core ideas: Teaching-as-Research, Learning Communities, and Learning-through-Diversity. While STEM is the focus of CIRTL, graduate students from any discipline will be invited to participate in CIRTL offerings.

Graduate Studies is working on a dedicated website and will officially kick-off CIRTL activities in the fall with a workshop for graduate students and a lunch for graduate chairs.

Neal Bryan, Associate Director of Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Development is our CIRTL institutional leader.

2016-2017 Graduate Council Agenda Items:

Dean Pérez let the Council know that the campus will be doing more work in regard to the Affordable Care Act and more will be forthcoming about the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA ). New regulations will affect UNL postdocs.

Associate Dean Bellows reminded the council that the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation visit will take place October 24 and 25; the exact schedule will not be available until the first part of October.

Other

Dean Pérez thanked Dr. Melanie Simpson for her participation on Graduate Council as her term ends June 30, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.