

## UNL GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, October 13, 2016

Room 206, Seaton Hall

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

### Approval of April 14, 2016 Minutes

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

### Announcements

Acting Dean Bellows informed the Council that the PhD in Complex Biosystems had been approved by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) on October 12, 2016.

### Higher Learning Commission Site Visit

Acting Dean Bellows reminded the Council that the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation visit will take place October 24 and 25, 2016. She provided handouts with Key Points, an FAQ and summary of the criterion used for the assurance argument. She invited the Council to participate in the criterion sessions or other open sessions during the visit.

### Approval of Reduction in credit hours for the Speech-Language Pathology Masters Degree Program

A motion was made and seconded to approve the UNL Graduate Council consideration of a minor change in the Speech-Language Pathology master's degree program. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minor change in the Speech-Language Pathology master's degree program from 48 to 45 credit hours. Motion passed unanimously.

### 2016-2017 Graduate Council Agenda Items:

- a. Graduate Student Appeals Process. A motion was made to accept changes to the appeals process policy. After discussion, the motion was tabled. Suggested changes will be made to the proposal; then will be sent via email for the Council's review and further edit. It will be considered at the November 10, 2016 meeting.
- b. Acting Dean Bellows asked the Council to have a discussion in their departments about reviewing the 10-year limit to earn the masters degree. If a change is indicated, a recommendation would need to be sent to the Executive Graduate Council for their review.
- c. Graduate Chair Meeting – Spring 2017 to be discussed at a later date.

### GSA Report

Applications for Graduate student travel awards for presenting at conferences will be announced Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at a GSA activity. The applications will be available in NuGrant. They will require two student reviewers and one faculty reviewer. The total amount available is \$16,000 and awards will be made of up to \$400 for domestic travel and \$600 for international travel.

There is \$5,000 available for special projects grants. Departments or colleges may apply for up to \$1,000 to hold a special event. There will be three peer reviews for each application.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.