

UNL GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, February 9, 2017

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, Rhonda Fuelberth, Ted Hamann, Laurie Thomas Lee, Clinton Rowe, Melanie Simpson, and David Smith; graduate student representatives: Ignacio Correas and Karen DaSilva; Ex-officio members: Acting Dean Laurie Bellows and Jane Schneider, Office of Graduate Studies. Member absent: Professor Christina Falci. Acting Dean Laurie Bellows presided.

Approval of October 13, 2016 Minutes

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

Announcements

- Three Graduate Certificates were approved by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) on January 26, 2017:
 - German Language Teaching
 - Nutrition, Non-coding RNAs and Extracellular Vesicles N2V
 - Public Relations and Social Media

- Three items were approved by the Graduate Council via email ballot:
 - Specialization name change for Cognition, Learning and Development to Developmental Learning Sciences for the MA in Educational Psychology and the PhD in Psychological Studies in Education
 - Graduate Certificate in Social Justice & Diversity in Education
 - Graduate Certificate in Educational Technology Leadership

- Information from the Executive Graduate Council meeting:
 - If Graduate certificates are interdepartmental, proposed by more than one program, it will now require an external review to ensure quality of the certificate. Graduate certificates can still have an expedited review if the certificate is being proposed from an existing program.
 - A 3+2 program is being proposed between the Master of Applied Science and Doane College. Ninety undergraduate credit hours or a bachelor's degree will be completed at Doane, 36 graduate credit hours will be completed at UNL in Applied Sciences with 12 credit hours of shared credit applied to the undergraduate degree.

- Acting Dean Bellows invited Graduate Council members to a roundtable session planned with EVC Ploughman on March 10 from 8:00-9:30 a.m. The discussion will focus on graduate education. She'll send the registration link in an email.

Approval of the Specialization in Construction Engineering and Management (CEMT)

After discussion, a motion was stated and carried to approve the specialization.

Graduate Student Appeals Process

Discussion was held about the Graduate Student appeals process. The Council made suggested changes to the document. Acting Dean Bellows will make the editorial changes and send it to the Council for review to be voted on at the March 9 meeting.

GSA Report

Ignacio reported that from the special grants and travel award competitions held by GSA, four students were awarded special grants for a total of \$2,500 and 10 students were awarded travel grants for a total of \$4,000.

ASUN Elections will be held March 8; there are seven students running for seven seats showing increased engagement among students. During 2016-17, ASUN has passed 27 pieces of legislation.

Other

The Research Fair will be held the first week of April.

April 4: Undergraduate Student poster session

April 5: Graduate Student poster session
Graduate Studies and Folsom Awards luncheon

Next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2017, 3:30 p.m. in room 206, Seaton Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.