Minutes of the Graduate Council  
March 2, 2004  
As approved by the Graduate Council, April 6, 2004


Members absent:  M. DeLuccie, T. Donavan, A. Featherstone, D. Higgins, M. Hossain, G. Marchin, D. Troyer,  
Graduate School staff present:  C. Shanklin, B. McGaughey, D. Woydziak

Guests:  Tony Mong, Graduate Student Council president-elect

The meeting was called to order by Dean R.W. Trewyn at 3:40 p.m. in Room 213, Student Union.

1) Opening remarks.

Ron Trewyn announced that Duane Nellis has been selected to replace James Coffman as university provost and congratulations to Carol Shanklin, recipient of the University of Delaware Michael D. Olsen Research Achievement Award in Hospitality and Tourism.

The Election Committee will meet after the Graduate Council adjourns.

2) Minutes.  The minutes of the February 3, 2004 meeting were approved as presented.

3) Graduate School Actions and Announcements

None

4) Academic Affairs Committee

a)  It was moved and seconded that the following faculty members be approved for Graduate Faculty Membership.  The motion passed.

i)  for MEMBERSHIP ONLY

Name    Position               Department/Program  
Ronald Madl Administrator Grain Science and Industry

ii)  for MEMBERSHIP and CERTIFICATION

Name    Position               Department/Program  
Craig Paukert Adjunct Asst. Prof. Biology

iii) Non-Graduate Faculty to teach Graduate Courses  (One-Year Approval)

Name    Department/Program      Courses    Term  
Raphael A. Yunk Architectural Engineering ARE 710 Fall 2004 & Construction Science ARE 720 Summer 2004

b)  Course and curriculum changes:  none
5) Graduate Student Affairs Committee

Anil Pahwa introduced himself as the newly elected committee chair. He reported that Phil Anderson, Director of the KSU Honor System had an article in the Collegian last week regarding the incorporation of graduate students into the existing system. The committee also provided Carol Shanklin with suggestions for publicizing the changes.

6) Graduate School Committee on Planning

Gita Ramaswamy, chair, reported the committee has been discussing program assessment.

7) Graduate Student Council (GSC) Information

DeAnn Presley, President, announced that she is accepting applications for graduate representatives to the Honor Council.

President-elect, Tony Mong, reported that there is currently legislation on the table of the Student Governing Association (SGA) that will allot GSC a percentage of graduate student privilege fees. This will give GSC a budget of about $20,000 per year and more flexibility under the new SGA spending guidelines.

The 9th Annual Graduate Student Research Forum will be the afternoon of April 16th. Tony Mong sent around a sign up sheet for volunteer faculty judges. The abstract deadline for students is March 15th. The GSC website contains more information.

GSC was granted nearly $8,000 by SGA to fund 42 travel grants for the spring semester.

8) University Research and Scholarship

Carol Shanklin, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School, announced that she is accepting nominations for the outstanding thesis or dissertation for students who graduated between August 2002 and July 2004. The deadline for nomination is June 1, 2004.

9) Other business and discussion

Ron Trewyn reviewed current issues affecting the Graduate School including: unfunded Targeted Excellence proposals being possible opportunities; NIH roadmap reveals it is moving to an interdisciplinary focus; MPA site review results; North Dakota stipend results; and program assessment.

Ron Trewyn announced that application fees for domestic ($30) and international ($55) are likely to move forward and be in place by June 1, 2004. It has become necessary due to budget restraints and state mandated staff increases.

Council was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.