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The Graduate Council  
March 17, 2010  
Johnson Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Christian Cherry, Mary-Lyon Dolezal, Marian Friestad (ex officio), Dana Johnston, Lynn Kahle, Rich Linton (ex officio), Karen McPherson, Sandi Morgen (ex officio), Lise Nelson, John Russial, Kim Sheehan, Mark Watson, Frances White, Yuan Xu

Members Absent: Benedict McWhirter, Jasmine Park, J.P. Sleeger, Carol Stabile

Graduate School Staff in Attendance: Marcia Walker

The meeting was called to order at 3:35. The meeting was chaired by Professor Xu in the absence of Chair McWhirter. The minutes from February 17, 2010 were approved as distributed.

Announcements

Dean Friestad reported that there has been an administrative change for the Folklore program. In the past the degree authority was in the Graduate School as Interdisciplinary Studies. OUS provided permission to have Folklore’s administrative home and degree authority moved to the College of Arts and Sciences.

Old Business

Revised Proposal for the Oregon Leadership in Sustainability Certificate

Dean Friestad reported that CAS declined to endorse this program. However, the program may be adopted by the Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management Department in the School of Architecture and Allied Arts, and that option is now under consideration.

Proposal for a new degree program: Master of Nonprofit Management

Dean Friestad forwarded the feedback from Council members to the proposers of this program. This Council meeting is to further discuss this proposal, if needed; to vote on whether to approve the proposal or not; or to request a revised proposal. The program would first be offered in the fall of 2011, after an external review.

Professor Cherry suggested that it would be premature to vote without seeing a revised proposal and several Council members agreed. Professor Nelson suggested that the proposers highlight the changes made in order to facilitate review. The Council agreed that by requiring the revised proposal to be submitted to the Graduate Council before the vote, it will make the proposal stronger and will aid in the external review process as well.

The Council will take action at the next meeting contingent on the receipt of the revised proposal before that time.

Graduate Student Experience Survey Results

Dean Morgen distributed an Executive Summary of the Graduate Student Experience Survey and asked for feedback from Council members. The Council discussed such topics as whether the Executive Summary could be shortened, sample sizes from which data was drawn, and the possible use of charts and graphs to aid in interpretation. Dean Morgen asked Council members to forward to her any additional thoughts or comments.
Dean’s Updates

Fundraising for Graduate Education

Dean Linton announced that a new campaign is being developed for 2020 that includes the following key themes:

- Higher standards, same values – enrollment objectives for graduate students
- International outreach and understanding – increase international graduate student enrollment
- Enhancing diversity
- Research that serves society
- Leadership for a sustainable world

Dean Linton noted that graduate education is well positioned in the draft and the plan provides an integrated vision for schools and colleges.

GTFF Bargaining Session

Dean Linton reported that bargaining is proceeding on the issue of an increase to the minimum salary for GTFs which, if adopted, would result in an increase of 1 percent in year one and 2 ½ to 3 percent in year two. Even though tuition is still increasing, we are committed to paying full tuition and covering differential tuition as well as resource fees. The UO would also cover increases in health insurance premiums over the next two years.

Inaugural Graduate Student Research Forum

Dean Morgen distributed posters announcing the Inaugural Graduate Student Research Forum to be held April 30, 2010 and asked Council members to distribute the posters and to encourage attendance at the forum.

Promising Scholar Awards

Dean Friestad reported that she has received over 30 applications for the Promising Scholar Award and has made 23 offers to date. There is still time to submit applications, but this should be done as soon as possible. As of this date, there is approximately $300,000 in tuition remission and $150,000 in stipends offered to applicants. Last year there were 44 Promising Scholar Awards offered and 28 of these awards were accepted.

Adjourn

The Council adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Sheehan, Secretary