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The Graduate Council
October 20, 2010
240 HEDCO Conference Room

Members Present: Marcin Bownik, Sara Hodges, Lynn Kahle, Dana Johnston, Rich Linton (ex officio), Karen McPherson, Benedict McWhirter, Brian McWhorter, Sandi Morgen (ex officio), Lise Nelson, Jasmine Park, John Russial; Mia Tuan (ex officio); Rachel Wallner, Mark Watson

Members Absent: Mary-Lyon Dolezal, Kim Sheehan, Carol Stabile, Frances White

Graduate School Staff in Attendance: Kassy Fisher, Debra Otley,

The meeting was called to order at 3:35. The Graduate Council opened the meeting with member introductions. The minutes from May 26, 2010 were approved as distributed.

Graduate Council Officers

Three people agreed to be nominated as Officers:
• Benedict McWhirter as Chair
• Lise Nelson as Vice Chair
• Secretary Position Remains Open

There were no additional nominations from the floor. The slate of officers will be voted upon at the November 2010 Graduate Council meeting.

Graduate Council Committees

Dean Morgen reviewed Committee descriptions and asked Graduate Council members to submit their first and second choices for Committee assignments by email to Marcia Walker by October 29, 2010.

Graduate Council Mission and Procedures

There was a discussion of the Graduate Council's mission and procedures, including topics such as diversity, how to retain and support graduate students, program review, and the expectation that each Council member will share what is happening in their department or area.

Old Business

Currently there are two external reviews of proposed UO programs: a Proposal for a new Master's Degree Program in Multiplatform Journalism and a Proposal for a new degree program – Master's of Nonprofit Management.

New Business

Proposal for delivery of EMPL program on Bend Campus

Guests Gerald Tindal and Phil McCullum spoke to the Council and answered questions about the Department of Educational Methodology, Policy, and Leadership's request for approval to offer their current Doctoral of Education (D.Ed.) via videconference and on-campus institutes to a cohort of students in Bend, Oregon. The program is currently offered on campus and in the Portland metro area.
Dean Morgen noted that time was short for Graduate Council approval and asked Council members to forward any questions or concerns to her by email. Dean Linton noted that the main filter is whether we are duplicating programs at the system level.

Challenges in Graduate Education

Dean Morgen shared the Executive Summary, *The Path Forward—The Future of Graduate Education in the United States*, published by the Council of Graduate Schools. The UO has major goals in the academic plan to increase graduate student enrollment, so the Graduate Council is a good place to have key conversations. Debra Stewart, President of the Council of Graduate Schools, is speaking on campus at the Knight Library Browsing Room on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 from 1:00 – 2:30pm. The Debra Stewart presentation is the fall colloquium, and Dean Morgen asked Council members for ideas they might have regarding topics for the winter and spring colloquia.

Some of the topic ideas were: (spring colloquium) job market/support for graduate students facing a difficult job climate; (winter colloquium) recruitment and retention of diverse graduate student populations.

Innovation, Recruitment and Diversity in Graduation Education Initiative

Dean Morgen announced a new initiative to support innovation in graduate education. The initiative is designed to support the goals of graduate enrollment growth, programmatic excellence, and greater diversity. Dean Morgen distributed a handout entitled *Call for Proposals: Innovation in Graduate Education* which provided program details and guidelines for submission of proposals. In the inaugural year of this program proposals are being solicited in two areas: Track 1 – Enriching Interdisciplinary Research and Curriculum; and Track 2 – Recruitment and Retention of a More Diverse Student Body and Program Climate. Dean Morgen requested feedback from Council members on this program and asked that they submit edits to her by email in the following week.

Graduate Program Director and Graduate Coordinator/Secretary Awards for Best Practices

Dean Morgen announced the 2010 competition for the Best Director of Graduate Studies and for the Best Director of Graduate Studies Assistant. These awards were based on a model from the University of Minnesota. Nominations for these awards will be solicited and the awards will take place in April 2011. The goal is to recognize the recipients’ hard work and to develop best practices as well as create opportunities for departments to learn from each other.

Creating an Agenda for the Year—Forecasting Issues

Dean Morgen asked Council members to report on any new programs coming up in their departments. Council members voiced several ideas for the Graduate Council’s agenda and mission this year.

Dean’s Updates

Diversity Issues

Dean Tuan announced that there will be an *Oregon Students of Color Coalition* conference on campus November 12, 2011. There will be a UO Grad Fair to accompany this conference, with the Graduate School hosting approximately 35 tables from UO programs.

NRC Release

Dean Linton distributed a handout reflecting NRC results for the University of Oregon and reported that the UO looked pretty good. The data is accessible on line for those who would like to look at it more closely.

GTFF Contract

For more information on the new GTFF contract, there is a link on the Graduate School website.
Adjourn

The Council adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Lyon Dolezal