

MINUTES
The Graduate Council
May 21, 2008
Johnson Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Val Burris, Li-Shan Chou, Marian Friestad (ex officio), Ron Mitchell, Brook Muller, Harry Price, John Russial, Corbett Upton, Mark Watson, and Yuan Xu

Members Absent: Christian Cherry, Mark Johnson, Rich Linton (ex officio), Benedict McWhirter, Wayne Mikkelson

Graduate School Staff in Attendance: Kassy Fisher, Marcia Walker

The meeting was called to order at 3:35. The minutes from April 16, 2008 were approved as amended.

Announcements

Update on Award Competitions:

Kassy Fisher announced that the Stein Graduate Teaching Awards were given to GTFs, from Management and College of Education: Counseling Psychology. Selection of recipients of the OUS Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund Award will be made next week. A luncheon will be held Friday, May 23rd for recipients of the UO Doctoral Fellowship Award and their advisors.

New Associate Dean of Graduate School

Dean Friestad announced that Dr. Sandra Morgen has accepted a position as an Associate Dean of the Graduate School. The plan is to have her in place at the University of Oregon by the start of the next academic year. Dr. Morgen will arrive on campus some time this summer.

Election Results for Graduate Council

Dean Friestad reported faculty election results for the Graduate Council: Karen McPherson – (Romance Languages); Anita Weiss (International Studies); Kim Sheehan – At-Large (Journalism and Communication) - John Russial (Journalism and Communication); Mary-Lyon Dolezal (Art History); Benedict McWhirter (Education); Lynn Kahle (Business). New Graduate Council members will serve three-year appointments. There is still a vacancy for a Social Science member of the Graduate Council.

University of Oregon Search for President

Dean Friestad announced that a University of Oregon doctoral student will be asked to serve on the search committee for the new UO President. She encouraged members to submit the names of qualified doctoral students who might be willing to serve.

New Business

Name Changes for Planning, Public Policy, and Management

The Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management submitted two requests to the Graduate Council for approval. Those requests were:

1. Change the name (and major code) of their graduate certificate program from Not-for-Profit Management (NFPM) to Nonprofit Management (NPM). The Graduate Council unanimously approved this proposal.
2. Change the name (and major code) of their Public Policy and Management (PPM) Master's degree to Public Administration (MPA). The Graduate Council unanimously approved this proposal.

Modification of Doctoral Dissertation Committee Policy

Dean Friestad distributed a handout, amended to incorporate suggested changes from last month's Council meeting, with proposed changes to the Doctoral Dissertation Committee Policy. After a discussion and some suggestions for minor edits, the Council unanimously approved the Doctoral Dissertation Committee Policy as written, with appropriate edits.

Deans' Updates

There will not be a June meeting of the Graduate Council, unless pressing new business arises.

There will be a national search next year for a new Dean of the Graduate School. The Council is encouraged to submit the name of any faculty whom they believe might have interest in the position to Dean Linton.

Dean Friestad thanked the Council members for their service this year. Ron Mitchell responded by thanking Dean Friestad and the graduate school staff for their work on behalf of the Graduate Council as well.

The Council adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Li-Shan Chou, Secretary