Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 20, 2009
Enrollment Conference Room

Attending: Dr. Kristi Pearce, Dr. Amy Fuqua, Dr. Shane Sarver, Dr. Patricia Simpson, Dr. Tim Steckline, Dr. David Scarborough, Dr. Garth Spellman, Dr. David Wolff, Mr. Rajeev Bukralia and Mr. Gregg Galea (minutes).

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Dr. Pearce who welcomed the new Graduate Council members Dr. Tim Steckline, Dr. Amy Fuqua and Dr. David Wolff to the meeting and to the council.

The minutes from the 22 September meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve was placed on the floor by Dr. Simpson with a second by Garth Spellman. The motion was carried.

Dr. Simpson reported that the MSCI program had 74 students graduate this year in May and August, and admitted 74 new students this fall. She also noted that the large number of graduates included a special one-time cohort group from Gillette. Dr. Simpson serves on a statewide committee with the South Dakota Department of Education to develop a Distance Educator endorsement program.

Mr. Bukralia reported that the MSSL program has 19 new students in addition to the 15 students continuing the program from last year. This year's cohort are taking two new classes while last year's cohort are enrolled in one new class and one elective. The first cohort will graduate with the MSSL degree in the spring of 2010. He also mentioned that Mitch Hopewell, the new MSSL Coordinator, will be on board by the next council meeting. He went on to say that the EY Berry Library has added an extensive collection of books on leadership to support the MSSL degree. These materials will be highlighted in the library.

Dr. Spellman reported that all is well with the MSIG program; their students are very active and well engaged in the coursework and research projects. They should have one student graduate this fall, and their first graduate has accepted a PhD position at Fryeburg University. He also noted that they are currently reviewing the curriculum to update and improve student learning.

Dr. Scarborough thanked everyone for the help and timely response of council members to approve new course requests for the new MBA program. He also reported that the request to add the new program to the university's accreditation to the Higher Learning Commission was moving forward. The Council discussed BOR approved admission requirements and the use of the GMAT and the GRE.

Dr. Pearce briefed the council on three "intents to plan" to add graduate degree programs; the intent to plan a Master of Science in Professional Science and a Master of Science in Physics have been submitted while an intent to plan a Master of Science in Sustainability continues to be developed. It should be noted that the intent to plan a Master of Science in Physics is a request that BHSU be added to the collaboration degree program with USD, SDSU and SDSM&T.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

If you have any comments or added corrections, please let Gregg Galea know. Gregg.Galea@BHSU.edu.

The next Graduate Council meeting will be on 11-17-09.