Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 22, 2009
Enrollment Conference Room

Attending: Dr. Kristi Pearce, Dr. Ahrar Ahmad, Dr. Shane Sarver, Dr. Patricia Simpson, Dr. Brian Smith, Dr. David Scarborough, Garth Spellman and Gregg Galea.

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Dr. Pearce who welcomed everyone to the new school year.

Dr Simpson was joined by Dr. Ben Sayler, June Apaza and Kathleen Matthew and they presented the council with some course and catalog changes to the MSCI in both the math and science programs. The changes are needed to put the programs in line with not only the student's needs but also ensures that the students can not only receive their Master's Degree but also meet the criteria for the State Board of Education Certificate in both Math and Science. Dr. Ahmad put forth the motion for approval; the motion was seconded by Dr. Sarver and approved by the council.

Garth Spellman, the new MSIG program coordinator, presented the council with an update on the program. They have 8 total students in the program and that they are all are totally funded. Student in the program have been very successfully and productive with 11 presentations or posters. Out of the 3 graduates from the program, 2 have been published by very respectful publications and all 3 are either very well employed or continuing with their higher education goals. They will be looking for 5 new students for next year and had some questions concerning marketing. One question was about the possibility of paying for a respected student candidate(s) to the school. Dr. Pearce will check to see if that is possible.

Dr. Pearce gave an update on the MSSL program. Now in its second year, we have 20 new students starting this Fall with 18 returning students from last year's Cohort. She also said that a new Graduate Program Coordinator for Educational Outreach was hired and will start sometime towards the end of November.

An update on the new MBA program was given by Dr. Scarborough the new program coordinator. The Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Applied Management is gearing up. It will be a 39 Credit Hour program. Classes will be taught at the Higher Learning Center in Rapid City and is a "face to face" program. Course requirements are being work out, GMAT and or GRE requirements are being looked as well as are various marketing ideas and webpage. Course approvals requests must be on the ACC agenda by October 1, 2009 if you want them reviewed for this year. Dr. Scarborough will meet one more time with faculty members to ensure that the requests cover all issues and needs and will bring those to Dr. Pearce who will email them out to each Council member for review and approval before sending them off to ACC.

The application for Graduate Faculty status for David Scarborough, Christian Nsiah, David Crawford, Adam Bailey, June Apaza, and John Dixson were reviewed and put fourth for approval. Dr. Ahmad motioned that they all be approved, the motion was seconded by Dr. Smith with all in favor.

Veryl Woody Walstrom was selected as the Student Representative for the Graduate Council. Woody is a Graduate Student in the MSIG program.

"At Large" Member's Len Austin, Shane Sarver and Brian Smith terms are up in October 2009. They have decided not to serve an additional 3 years. A request for nominations was sent out to all faculty member with a due date of 2 October 2009.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 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 10-20-09.