Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 15, 2011 3:30 pm
Enrollment Conference Room

In attending were: Dr. Kristi Pearce, Rajeev Bukralia, Dr. Patricia Simpson, Dr. Shane Sarver, Dr. Garth Spellman, Dr. Mitch Hopewell, Dr. Daniel Asunskis, Dr. Ahrar Ahmad, and Dr. Tim Steckline.

Dr. Pearce opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the January meeting. She asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Ahmad made the motion with Dr. Simpson seconding. The motion passed.

MSCI- Dr. Simpson presented that New MEd courses need to be approved by the Graduate Council in March while marketing has begun for this new degree. The MAT intent to plan as a certificate program is now being developed.

MSIG- Dr. Spellman reported that the MSIG labs are settling into the new Life Sciecnes Laboratory building. 1 MSIG graduate is now applying for a PhD program and there are 6 Applications for next's year's two openings. Council discussed alternatives to expand the MSIG program (e.g., BS thesis as expansion of undergraduate work as 5th year). In addition, the Council discussed expanding the faculty development program to include Graduate Teaching Assistantships to prepare undergraduate teaching faculty in the sciences.

MSSL- Dr. Hopewell reported that the MSSL program is reviewing applications for next year. Likewise, the graduate program is considering a "rolling" admission vs. cohort model to better meet student needs.

MBA – Dr. Scarborough presented that all probation admits passed with a 3.0 GPA for the first term. Enrollment seems promising for next year. The program is excited to move into the new University Center - Rapid City. In addition, the MBA faculty are questioning BHSU's responsibility for holding a spot if MBA student "stops out"...

It was noted that Dr. Hopewell will participate in the upcoming Spring Career Fair and oversee the Graduate Studies booth.

The Graduate Council then focused on their continued work to develop the strategic plan for graduate studies.

<u>Goals</u>

1. By 2016, BHSU will develop and implement at least 4 new graduate programs. Possibilities could include:

- Masters in Sustainability
- MA in Mass Communications
- MA in American Indian Studies
- MFA w/specialization in creative writing
- Doctorate in Science Education

2. In conjunction with new graduate programs, BHSU will develop and expand teaching and research assistantships to grow graduate studies by 2016.

3. By 2016, BHSU Graduate Council will research, examine, and recommend an effective administrative structure to best manage graduate enrollment.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

If you have any comments or corrections, please inform Gregg Galea. Gregg.Galea@BHSU.edu.