

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 21, 2010
Enrollment Conference Room

In attending were: Dr. David Haney, Dr. Shane Sarver, Dr. Ahrar Ahmad, Dr. Patricia Simpson, Dr. David Scarborough, Mr. Rajeev Bukralia, Mr. Mitch Hopewell and Mr. Gregg Galea, Senior Secretary.

Dr. Haney chaired the meeting in Dr. Pearce's absence and welcomed everyone to the semester's first meeting.

Mitch Hopewell's application for Graduate Faculty Status was reviewed by the council. Dr. Haney made a motion to accept Mitch's application for graduate faculty status. Dr. Simpson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Changes in council membership for this year include: Jay Jacobs will replace Woody Walstrom as the Graduate Student Representative and the Graduate faculty voted to replace Dr. David Wolff with Dr. Daniel Asunskis. In addition, Dr. Christian Nsiah will serve as a substitute for Dr. Steckline during the fall term.

MSCI Up-date: Dr. Patricia Simpson reported that we have 88 new students in the MSCI program, up from the 75 from last year. Six are in Science, 36 in Math, 38 in Reading and 8 in the Technology cohort. Because of a review of MSCI core courses by the BOR along with the SD Board of Education they thought it best to not pursue the minor course and title modifications to the MSCI program, necessitated by the new Technology Integrationist endorsement, until that review has been completed.

Dr. Simpson also briefed the Graduate Council on the new Master in Education in Reading. The proposed new degree will move through the intent to plan process and go directly to the proposal stage with an implementation date of Fall 2012. There is no program like this in the State at this time and like the other MSCI program it will be on-line with the practicum held at the student's home school. The program will require no additional resources and with this program, the MSCI reading endorsement program will be replaced.

MSSL Up-date: Dr. Mitch Hopewell reported that we had our first program graduates this summer; 9 graduated with 3 more graduating this December. We have 26 new students enrolled in the program with a few applicants that were encouraged to reapply for the next year cohort. The question was asked if we had a way to track the graduating students and how they are using their degree. Dr. Hopewell said he was in the process of creating a follow up survey and hopes to have the results soon.

MSIG up-date: Dr. Shane Sarver presented the report for Dr. Garth Spellman in his absence. The program had two students graduate last year. One is working for the State of South Dakota in wildlife management and the other is in a Ph.D. program at the Aberdeen University in Scotland and was the recipient of the Marie Curie Scholarship. We have 5 new students this year in the program and we will be looking to graduate 5 students this fall. All students in the MSIG program presented at national conferences over the summer.

MBA-AM up-date: Dr. David Scarborough reported on the new MBA.AM program. The Kickoff event went very well with good feedback from all attending. The program is up and running with 20 students enrolled. He also briefed the graduate council on the few students admitted conditionally and how they tied that with the applicant's GMAT score with the Graduate Studies requirement to maintain a 3.0 GPA. He also mentioned some of the challenges for students' missing classes when on business travel. Although the present facility does not have conference call or Skype abilities, these will be an option next semester when they move into the new University Center building. Faculty are working with the students who need to miss class for business reasons this semester as best as they can.

New business: Mr. Bukralia briefed us on the new request for a Graduate Certificate in Instructional Design. The certificate program will require 12 credit hours and is geared more toward military and business applications rather than education. Marketing surveys show a need in this area. The certificate will be an on-line program with classes taught by the Instructional Designers in Educational Outreach. Dr. Ahmad made a motion to approve the program, Dr. Sarver seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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