The meeting was called to order by President Lee Wilkins at 3:05 p.m. in S016 Memorial Union.

Senators and administrative representatives attending: Lee Wilkins, Ian Aberbach, Teresa Cooney, Gail Fitzgerald, Judith Goodman, Anthony Lupo, Ken Shaw, Alan Strathman, Michael Urban, Steve Van Doren, Kate Hertweck (Graduate Student Association), Jana Moore, Sheryl Tucker, and Ruth Erwin (Graduate School).

Senators and administrative representatives absent: Sanda Erdelez, Andrew Hoberek, Naz Islam, Glenn Leshner, Jan Segert, and Pam Benoit.

A motion and second were made to approve the minutes of January 27, 2009. The minutes were approved.

**Graduate School Report**

**Graduate Education Week**

Dr. Tucker announced that Graduate Education Week will be April 20-25. The key events scheduled during the week will be:

- **April 21**  Graduate Awards Ceremony
- **April 23**  Graduate Professional Council Legislative Recognition
- **April 25**  Adventures in Graduate Education for grade school children

She indicated that she would email to the Senators the preliminary list of scheduled events for the week.

**Graduate Student Association**

Ms. Hertweck announced two events the GSA would be involved in. They are the Interview.doc event, which would be held on March 11 and the Body Project, which would be April 11. Information has been posted online about the events. Ms. Hertweck also thanked Dr. Tucker for her assistance with questions that graduate students had posed to GSA.

**Old Business**

**Course Deadlines**

Dr. Tucker gave background regarding the possibility of changing the deadline for graduate curriculum proposals, changes and topics forms. The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee has changed their deadlines from January 10 and July 15 to
December 10 and June 1, respectively, with the Registrar's deadlines now being January 10 and August 15, respectively. This change was made without consultation with the Graduate School.

By-Law Revisions

Dr. Wilkins apologized to the group that she had not had time to work on the by-law revisions but would have something for their review before the March 31 meeting.

New Business

Health Ethics Certificate

The first item of new business was a Graduate Certificate in Health Ethics proposed by the Department of Health Management and Informatics and the Center for Health Ethics. Dr. Tucker presented the concerns addressed on Blackboard and discussion followed. The Senate was still unclear on the proposal and requested that the Department come to the next meeting to discuss and clarify their questions before a decision could be made.

Master of Public Health Program Change

Lise Saffron from the Master of Public Health Program addressed the group on their request to change the two emphasis areas for Master of Public Health to one emphasis area. The current emphasis areas are: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, and Public Health Policy and Administration. They are proposing a new emphasis area called Health Promotion and Policy. A motion and second were made to approve the change the Master of Public Health Program proposed for the Master of Public Health degree from two emphasis areas, i.e., Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, and Public Health Policy and Administration to one emphasis areas, i.e., Health Promotion and Policy. The motion was approved.

Master of Public Health Dual Degree

Lise Saffron gave background on the Master of Public Health (MPH) and Master of Public Affairs (MPA) Dual Degree proposal. Questions were asked with regard to the combining of the two degrees together and the number of courses required for the dual degree. A motion and second were made to approve the dual degree proposal for a Master of Public Health (MPH) and a Master of Public Affairs (MPA) degree. The motion was approved.

Truman School of Public Affairs Doctoral Faculty Membership Criteria

Dr. Tucker presented the questions/concerns that were posted on Blackboard related to the Truman School of Public Affairs' proposed Doctoral Faculty criteria. She indicated that she sent the questions/concerns to Dr. Bart Wechsler, Chair of TSPA, and he feels
that the criteria addressed the needs for the department. Dr. Tucker provided a clarification on the roles between being a member of the Graduate Faculty and a member of the Doctoral Faculty. She indicated that TSPA planned to begin their Ph.D. program in Fall 2009. A motion and second were made to approve the Doctoral Faculty Membership Criteria for the Truman School of Public Affairs. The motion was approved with one abstention.

Faculty Marshal for May 2009 Commencement

Ms. Moore announced that the Graduate School Commencement for May 2009 would be May 15 at 8:00 pm in the Hearnes Center. She asked for a volunteer to be faculty marshal. Dr. Van Doren volunteered to be the May 2009 Faculty Marshal.

Other Business

Dr. Goodman indicated that she and Dr. Cooney had worked on the realignment of the Senate composition. Based on enrollment data, they propose that each academic unit receive one Senator and the Colleges Arts and Science and Education receive two due to the significant student population. Dr. Goodman indicated that this proposal would reduce the number of Senators in Arts & Science. They believed the original Senate composition was based on graduate enrollment. Discussion was held. Questions were raised on whether the two current Senators representing the Directors of Graduate Studies would be maintained; if the composition would be different if degree granted data was used; and how Colleges would feel losing representation. Dr. Goodman will write a proposal and submitted it before the next meeting for discussion. It was noted that any changes to the composition of the Senate would need faculty meetings discussing the issue and the vote of the entire Graduate Faculty. Dr. Tucker noted that when the Senate reduced its size to the current level it took approximately one year from the time the motion was made and approval by the Senate to the full vote of approval by the Graduate Faculty.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Submitted by,

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