The meeting was called to order by President Lee Wilkins at 3:25 p.m. in S107 Memorial Union (Jesse Wrench Auditorium) when a quorum was reached.

Senators and administrative representatives attending: Lee Wilkins, Ian Aberbach, Denice Adkins (substitute for Sanda Erdelez), Gail Fitzgerald, Anthony Lupo, Ken Shaw, Alan Strathman, Michael Urban, Steve Van Doren, Kate Hertweck (Graduate Student Association), Pam Benoit, Sheryl Tucker, Jana Moore, and Ruth Erwin (Graduate School). Guests included: Robert DeGraaf, Win Phillips, Grant Savage, and Lisa Flores.

Senators and administrative representatives absent: Teresa Cooney, Judith Goodman, Andrew Hoberek, Naz Islam, Glenn Leshner, and Jan Segert.

A motion and second were made to approve the minutes of February 24, 2009. The minutes were approved.

**Graduate School Report**

Prior to having a quorum the Graduate School reported on various items of interest to the Senators. They included:

Dr. Tucker distributed a handout on Adventures in Education that the Graduate School will host on Saturday, April 25. The primary age group for the event is grades 2-5 but others will also enjoy the exhibits.

Dr. Benoit gave a brief overview on the recent budget cuts made by the Graduate School for this fiscal year and how they impacted various programs supported by the Graduate School.

Dr. Benoit was asked to give an update on the NRC report. She indicated that the methodology guide still was not out and may not be out until the month prior to the release of the data. She indicated she was serving on a Council of Graduate Schools committee that would provide communication information to assist colleges and universities in relations to the report and how to provide information to the public on the findings.

Dr. Benoit reported that graduate applications are up by 7% on-campus and indications are that graduate applications are up across the nation. On-campus undergraduate applications are also up but presently deposits are down in relation to in-state applicants. Dr. Benoit indicated that as in previous slumping economic times more individuals apply to colleges and universities and this appears to be the case currently.

**Graduate Student Association**

Ms. Hertweck announced the interview.docs event had fewer students attend but speculation was that with fewer jobs available students did not participate this year.
Upcoming GSA events are the Body Project, which would be April 11, and the GSA banquet on April 16.

A quorum was met and the business portion of the meeting began.

**Old Business**

**By-Law Revisions**

Dr. Wilkins apologized to the group that she had not had time to work on the by-law revisions.

**Senate Composition**

Drs. Cooney and Goodman were unable to attend the meeting. Their report will be presented in April.

**Graduate Certificates**

Prior to discussing the two graduate certificates Dr. Benoit gave the Senators overview on graduate certificates and the need they provide for students. Certificates programs can encourage students to come to Graduate School. Certificates are not random courses but serve a specific critique and need. Both students in traditional degrees and post baccalaureate students can pursue certificates. After a student completes a certificate program they may be inclined to continue studies towards an advanced degree. A negativity of certificates is the investment in resources.

**Health Ethics Certificate**

Drs. Robert DeGraaf, Win Phillips, and Grant Savage joined the Senate and gave an overview on the Health Ethics graduate certificate proposal. One of the purposes for the certificate is for assist working professionals who come across ethic issues in their jobs but do not have time to investigate them. The certificate will be an exclusive online program geared towards the wants and needs of working professionals and graduate students. To receive the graduate certificate individuals will need to complete four 3-hour courses. The certificate can be completed in two semesters if students take two 3-hour courses a semester or four semesters if one 3-hour is taken a semester. The certificate is designed at the Post Baccalaureate level. Teaching of the four required courses will be included as part of the teaching load for the faculty in the Department of Health Management and Informatics, which also has an online Executive HSM graduate program. After the guests left the meeting, a motion and second was made to approve the graduate certificate proposal from the Department of Health Management and Informatics and the Center for Health Ethics. The motion was approved.

**New Business**

**Multicultural Teaching Certificate**

Prior to Dr. Lisa Flores joining the group Dr. Tucker announced that more questions had been raised regarding the certificate and that Dr. Flores had not been informed of the
latest questions. It was decided to ask Dr. Flores if she would be willing to meet again with the Senate after the department had been informed of the new questions and provided input. Dr. Flores joined the group and agreed to come back to one of the next two meetings.

Course Approvals

A motion and second were made to approve the following courses: Management 9010 Research Methods in the Organization Sciences; Management 9020 Seminar in Micro Organizational Behavior; Management 9030 Seminar in Macro Organizational Behavior; Management 9040 Seminar in Human Resource Management; Management 9050 Seminar in Organization Theory; Management 9060 Seminar in Corporate Strategy; and Management 9080 Seminar in Entrepreneurship. The motion was approved.

Nutrition and Exercise Physiology Doctoral Faculty Criteria

Questions were asked about using the Promotions and Tenure Committee for review of departmental doctoral faculty applications and what a majority vote (3/4) by the departmental doctoral faculty meant. Dr. Tucker indicated the department had lots of concerns in preparing their criteria. She indicated she would ask the department about the two concerns. A motion and second were made to approve the Nutrition and Exercise Physiology Doctoral Faculty criteria with Dr. Tucker requesting more information on the concerns indicated by the Senate. The motion was approved.

GFS Elections

Due to Dr. Fitzgerald needing to leave the meeting early, Dr. Tucker presented the report on the upcoming GFS Senator elections. Natural Resources will be represented by Charles Nilon for the next three years, and Nursing/Medicine/Health Professions/Veterinary Medicine will be represented by Jane Bostick. The College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and the College of Education were both holding elections and would let Dr. Fitzgerald know their representatives by April 14. For the Journalism, Law and Public Affairs representation, Law decided to not elect a representative. An election would need to be held between Journalism and Public Affairs to determine their representative.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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