Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Senate  
September 27, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Nilon at 3:30 pm in 2213C MU Student Center. Dr. Nilon asked the attendees to introduce themselves since this was the first meeting of the year.

Senators and administrative representatives attending: James Endersby, Sanda Erdelez, Pat Friedrichsen, Jere Gilles, Sanjeev Khanna, Lynda Kraxberger, Charles Nilon, Carol Snively, Marty Townsend, Peter Vallentyne, Patrick Wheeler, Lisa Zanetti, Erica Thieman (Graduate Student Association), George Justice, Mannie Liscum, Ashley Siebenaler, and Ruth Erwin (Graduate School).

Senators and administrative representatives absent: Lloyd Barrow, Jane Bostick, and John Wigger.

A motion and second were made to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2011. The motion was approved.

**Graduate School Report**

Dr. Justice indicated that over the summer the Graduate School conducted a job search for an Associate Dean. Dr. Lee Wilkins was the Chair with the Search Committee consisting of Graduate School staff. There were 15-20 applications for the position. The Search Committee invited nine applicants for initial interview and then reduced the number to three for final interviews with campus representatives. Dr. Mannie Liscum from Biological Sciences was chosen as the new Associate Dean. Dr. Liscum will work with student success, student preparation, ______________ and the Director of Graduate Studies Network.

Dr. Justice announced that MU is now part of CIRTL (Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning). Originally CIRTL had six members (University of Wisconsin-Madison, Michigan State University, Howard University, Vanderbilt University, Texas A&M University and University of Colorado at Boulder) but has added 19 new members this past year. MU can bring orientation for future faculty and the Mizzou Advantage of integrating science education to the program.

Dr. Justice also announced the Big 12 Deans were coming to Columbia October 2-3 for their fall meeting. The Provosts, Research Officers and Graduate Deans from each of the Big 12 schools would be meeting on campus and discussing items of concern. He noted that policy for graduate education was not set by the Big 12 Graduate Deans but by the MU GFS.

Dr. Justice indicated that enrollment was up this fall. There were 2,076 new graduate student compared to the 1,826 last year.

Dr. Justice stated that in 2006 GFS passed a policy the Classified Research Policy and the restrictions on content of theses and dissertations. He indicated some departments are now complaining about the policy. He would like the GFS to revisit the Policy and would like it to be put on the GFS agenda for October.

**Graduate Student Association**

Ms. Thieman indicated that the GSA Executive Committee had been busy and that the first GSA meeting for the semester would be tonight. GSA had a welcome event for the new GSA
departmental representatives at Red and Moe Pizza and it was well attended. She indicated that the GSA Executive Committee visited departments that had not have representatives on GSA to determine why there was no departmental representation. She indicated that GSA has made a logo. GSA will again sponsor CV doctors workshop but this year they would have pre-workshop with students to pre-screen spelling and grammar in order to simplify the CV doctors workshop. They will also sponsor PhD Comics movie and host research forums on campus. They will also work with the Prepare Academic Leaders Workshop with other campus students at MS&T, UMKC, and UMSL.

**Committee Reports**

The Committee Chairs for Academic Affairs and Awards indicated that they did not know who was on their committees. Dr. Nilon asked the Senate to think about which committee they would like to serve on and he would ask at the end of the meeting.

**Old Business**

Dr. Nilon indicated that the electronic ballot for the Change in Language on the Minor in College Teaching was approved on the summer.

**New Business**

**White Paper**

Dr. Justice indicated that he was working on a white paper on reviewing graduate curricula. He hoped to have the first draft finished by September 30 and should be between 10-15 pages. He will send the document to the Senate at the end of September and will need to have it revised by the end of November. The document will be released to the campus community in March. He asked the Senate to think about what the future of graduate education will be like. Professor Kraxberger will assist Dr. Justice with the revisions. Dr. Justice would like the Senate to review the paper at the October meeting.

**Approval of Degree Consolidation**

Dr. Nilon indicated that GFS makes policies on graduate education and approving degree consolidation is one of the policies. The Department of Romance Languages and Literatures has requested approval for consolidating their MA in French and MA in Spanish into one MA program in Romance Languages with emphasis areas in French and Spanish.

The Nutrition & Exercise Physiology Department requested consolidation of two masters programs – Nutritional Sciences Masters Program and Exercise Physiology Masters Program—into a single program called Nutrition and Exercise Physiology Masters Program.

Both of these consolidations were done in response to the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE) review request. Dr. Justice indicated that he would fill out the forms for the consolidations and save the departments work.

New programs will be approved by MDHE and reviewed in the first five years to see how they are doing. All students in the two departments that are asking for consolidations will finish in the programs that they started in. Dr. Justice indicated that he was not aware of anyone who disputed the combination of the degrees.
A motion and second were made to approve the degree consolidation at the masters level of the MA in French and the MA in Spanish into a MA in Romance Languages with emphasis areas in French and Spanish. The motion was approved.

A motion and second were made to approve the degree consolidation of the Nutritional Science Masters degree and the Exercise Physiology Masters degree into the Nutrition and Exercise Masters degree. The motion was approved.

Dr. Justice indicated that the GFS will probably be seeing more consolidations of degrees coming.

Committee Assignments

Academic Affairs: James Endersby, Jere Gilles, Lisa Zanetti, Patrick Wheeler, Marty Townsend, Pat Friedrichsen and Carol Snively, Chair.

Awards: Sanda Erdelez, Sanjeev Khanna, Lloyd Barrow, Jane Bostick, John Wigger, Lynda Kraxberger and Peter Vallentyne, Chair. [Dr. Wigger had indicated in the summer he would like to serve on the Academic Affairs committee and has moved to that committee.]

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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