Graduate Council Minutes
April 15, 2005

Present:
Council Members: Dale Alspach, Lowell Caneda y, Stephen Hallgren, Charlie Hendrix, Robert Hunger, Edward Jones, Charlotte Ownby, Alexander Rouch, Dennis Seager, Barbara Stoecker, Gary Young
GPSGA: Gina Causin
Graduate College: Gordon Emslie and Craig Satterfield

Approval of March 25, 2005 Minutes:
Following a motion (Ownby) and a second (Causin), minutes from the March 25, 2005 meeting of the Council were approved.

Graduate and Professional Student Government Association Report – Gina Causin:
Causin gave an end-of-the-year summary of GPSGA activities and interactions with the:
I. Faculty Council (FC), including regular attendance of FC meetings, input to the information technology fee, representation with the Board of Regents, involvement on the Committee of Student Organizations, and the National Graduate Student Appreciation week.
II. University, including organization of welcoming receptions for graduate students (~250 attending), the Research Symposium and Phoenix awards, providing a flyer for inclusion in graduate student packets, updating computer facilities, working with the Student Government Association on a child care facility, commencement, and updating the catalog.
III. GPSGA, including writing amendments to strengthen their organization and holding elections. Newly elected officers will start their term of service on May 8, 2005 and include:
   President: Shirley Vincent   Vice-President: Phillip Verghese
   Treasurer: Gina Causin   Secretary: David Monismith
   Parliamentarian: Wendy James   Intergovernmental Liaison: Mo Chehbouni
   Communications Officer: Aswin Subanthore

Graduate College Report – Gordon Emslie:
Emslie reported that the Dean’s Council has:
- Approved the signature routing sheet for program modifications. This will now be used.
- Approved the standards for graduate certificates.
- Approved of movement to electronic graduate applications/admissions.
- Approved of the concept of the “Bridge Program,” but suggested changes within a similar process already established. GC reviewed this document and approved it with slight modifications (moved by Young and seconded by Ownby).
- Disapproved of the proposal to eliminate graduate credit for 3000 courses and cross-list 4000/5000 numbered courses. However, the Dean’s Council is supportive of implementing a method to indicate enrollment in a 3000 or 4000-numbered course for either undergraduate or graduate credit. This is being developed.
• Graduate Faculty bylaws are posted on the web; encourage colleagues to review and provide input through the Groups.
• Emslie commended the GPSGA for their efforts during this past year.
• Indications are that the four year graduate stipend/tuition plan is still receiving high priority in the budgeting process.
• May 6 is Graduate Commencement
• Caneday asked Emslie for a clarification of the policy related to requiring graduate students from English speaking countries to take the TOEFL and TELP exams. This is part of the overall question that Emslie has with these exams and he (Emslie) would like Council input to help develop an appropriate policy. Discussion in this area will continue.

Membership Committee Report – Stephen Hallgren:
• Bylaws are posted on the web; please publicize this fact and solicit input through the Groups.
• Nominations for membership on the Graduate faculty: 23 nominations from five groups were considered and discussed. All recommendations as made by the Membership Committee were approved by the GC.

Rules Committee Report – Dale Alspach:
• Seven requests were presented to the GC. After discussion, motions and seconds were made to support the recommendations as made by the Rules Committee. Motions were all approved.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Following a discussion of the date of the May meeting, a decision was made to keep the meeting on the regularly scheduled day (May 20, 2005) because several individuals were going to be gone on May 27, which is the Friday before Memorial Day weekend.

Meeting adjourned: 3:00 P.M.

Next meeting of the GC: May 20, 2005 at 1:30 PM in 241 Willard.