Graduate Council Minutes  
November 21, 2014

Present:
Dr. Brenda Smith, Vice-Chair
Dr. Stephen Clarke, Group I
Dr. Randi Eldevik, Group II
Dr. Mark Wilkins, Group III
Dr. Albert Rosenberger, Group III
Dr. Amanda Morris, Group IV
Dr. Ajay Sukhdial, Group IV
Dr. Doug Smith, Group V
Dr. Earl Blewett, Group VI
Dr. Tom Oomens, Group VI

Graduate College:
Dr. Sheryl Tucker
Dr. Jean Van Delinder
Dr. Ken Clinkenbeard

Guests:
Mr. Sean McCoshum

Vice-Chair Brenda Smith called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm with a quorum present. Following a motion (Dr. Mark Wilkins) and a second (Dr. Randi Eldevik), the minutes of the previous meeting on October 31, 2014 were approved as amended. Corrections included changing the spelling of Robberson to be consistent within the document.

GPSGA report
Approved spending $1,000 for five $200 travel grants for research.

Graduate College Report
Dr. Sheryl Tucker reminded the Council of Graduate College Commencement on Friday, December 12. IRIM is working on formatting of completion reports which should be out soon. Data bricks have been distributed. The initial offering of an ITLE course on teaching was very successful. The Graduate College paid the fee for students to develop classroom skills. GTA stipends increased an average of $2,250, which is at the 40th percentile. We are targeting the 50th percentile. There was an overall increase in the number of half time assistantships, which more than made up for the loss of the quarter time TA/RA positions. The OSU Research Symposium registration is now open. The Spring ITA registration is open and an email will be going out to faculty reminding them about upcoming deadlines. This spring tuition waivers will post earlier, before the end of the second week of classes, so students can access their financial aid.

Old Business
The Research Misconduct Policy was presented again for review. There was a question about the timing of an investigation being stated as 120 days. This time period was
purposely left vague to allow some flexibility in carrying out the investigation. The Research Misconduct Policy is now aligned with other University policies. There was a question about whether or not the RCR training aligns with the policy. Discussion followed about RCR training which is not required for all undergraduates or faculty and how it differs from the training for human subjects. After a motion (Dr. Mark Wilkins) and a second (Dr. Randi Eledvik) to endorse the Research Misconduct Policy with typographical corrections, the motion was approved.

**New Business**
Academic Program Committee Report – Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences. Since the APC lacked a quorum at their last meeting, the new Ph.D. program was presented to the Council for approval. The current doctoral program in Nutritional Sciences is part of the Human Sciences Ph.D. This program request would make it a standalone Ph.D. No changes would need to be made in curriculum nor would additional faculty need to be hired. Motion to approve (Dr. Mark Wilkins) and a second (Dr. Randi Eldevik) was made; motion was approved.

**Other**
Voting on the Subject Matter Group Bylaws is being coordinated by the Group Chairs. Group 3 Bylaws went out on Monday for a 30 day review before voting. Groups 1, 2, 4 and 6 are in the process of being sent out for review.

Adjourned 2:19 pm