Minutes of April 19, 2013

Dr. Caneday called the meeting to order at 1:32 with a quorum present. The minutes of March 11, 2013 minutes were approved as amended following a motion by Dr. Wilkins, seconded by Dr. Passmore. The agenda was amended to allow the New Program Requests to be heard first.

**GPSGA report**
Catherine Molleno, president-elect for 2013-14 reported for outgoing president Rachel Eike. The most attended events during Graduate Education Week were the Phoenix Awards Ceremony and the PhD movie. The least attended event was the Current Concepts Club held at the Family Resource Center.

**Graduate College Report**
There will be a “Three Minute Thesis” or 3MT event on Tuesday, June 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Union Little Theatre. Students will be asked to make a three minute video featuring their research with one power point slide. Finalists will be asked to compete at an evening event where substantial prizes will be awarded. We will need judges. This program is being coordinated by Faculty Fellow Shane Robinson. Winning videos will go on OState TV.

- **Membership Committee Report**
  The Membership Committee reported on their review of the Graduate Faculty membership actions from the six subject matter group meetings Spring 2013. The Membership Committee recommended that the Council consider the following membership actions. One expiring affiliate member of Group II was not included in the
Group II. Dr. Eldevik moved and Dr. Sheehan seconded to have the Council vote on this application and membership was approved by a majority. Group III had two applications that were not approved from Physics and Geology. Representatives from Physics (Dr. John Mintmire) and Geology (Dr. Jim Puckett) requested the council to reconsider applicants from their respective units. Dr. Wilkins moved and Dr. Lavine seconded a motion for the Graduate Council to reconsider these applications followed by a discussion. Dr. Boswell moved to call for the question and Dr. Lavine seconded. The two faculty were approved by a majority voice vote.

Group IV had one application that was left out of the Group IV meeting. Dr. Wilkins moved and Dr. Smith seconded to approve this membership renewal which was approved by a majority voice vote. Group V had two affiliate members who did not get their applications for renewal finished in time for the Group V meeting. Dr. Wilkins moved and Dr. Smith seconded to approve membership renewal for these applications and both approved by a majority voice vote.

One Councilor objected to these applications being approved after the regularly scheduled Group Meetings, though the Graduate Faculty By-Laws allow for this in Section 2.4.2: “Process: 2.4.2.1. … The Graduate Council, acting on the recommendations of its Membership Committee (see 4.6), reviews and considers each nomination, and makes appointments. The decision of the Graduate Council is final and not subject to appeal.”

Old Business
Several policies that were reviewed by the Graduate Council at their March 11th Meeting and later discussed in three public forums during Graduate Education Week, were brought back for discussion and approval.

- The following policies were approved as written: Leave of Absence and Reduced Continuous Enrollment for Doctoral Candidates.

- The following policies were approved as amended: Best Practices was amended to insert language regarding graduate students from “must” to “transparency”; Probation review policy to add more inclusive language changing “department” to “program” such as “No further enrollment without department approval (NFEWDC)” to “No further enrollment without program approval (NFEWPC)” ; Minimum time as a doctoral candidate changed to a minimum of six months from requiring 10 credit hours post-candidacy; Dismissal due to grades to include “a F! can result in a dismissal”; Maximum enrollment is now limited to 12 hours during the Fall or Spring Semester without approval of Graduate Dean; and, Probationary Admission Status was changed from a minimum of 12 to 9 hours of a satisfactory of 3.0 and above – additional information on academic versus general probation will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

- The continuous enrollment policy requiring students to be continuously enrolled similar to the undergraduate policy was tabled.
New Business
A resolution supporting the new Associate Dean for Student Affairs position was approved by the Council.

New Program Requests/Changes
The Masters in Athletic Training (M.A.T.), Marketing Analytics Certificate and an option in Marketing Analytics in the MBA degree were all recommended for approval by the Academic Program Committee. The M.A.T. of degree is now required for licensing as an Athletic Trainer, therefore the undergraduate degree has been discontinued. After a discussion about whether or not there was a need for additional resources to support this new degree, the Council approved by a majority voice vote. Both the Marketing Analytics Certificate and the option in Marketing Analytics for the MBA degree were unanimously approved by voice vote pending clarification of which were existing courses and which ones were newly created.

Dr. Allen Scott chaired the meeting after Vice Chair Lowell had to leave. A quorum was retained. Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.