

UNL GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES working
Meeting of March 13, 2008

The UNL Graduate Council convened at 3:39 p.m. in Room 206 of Seaton Hall. Present were: Professors Charles Ansorge, Libby Jones, Nancy Miller, Nick Spencer, Pamela Starr (by proxy), Mark Walker, Thomas Zorn, student representatives Benjamin Blackford and Marcus Natta; and Ex-officio: Ellen Weissinger, Laurie Bellows and Assistant to the Dean Barbara Brennan. Dean of Graduate Studies Ellen Weissinger presided.

February 14, 2008 meeting minutes.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposal for a double masters major in Agricultural Economics and Animal Science. Members raised several questions during discussion which will be taken back to the departments. The proposal was tabled for review at a future meeting once additional information is received.

Proposal for a specialization in Media within the doctorate in Political Science. A memorandum of understanding between Political Science and the College of Journalism and Mass Communications which was attached to the specialization proposal answered questions raised during discussion. The Council approved the proposal.

Proposal for a doctoral specialization in Medical Family Therapy within Human Sciences major (jointly with UNL Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies and UNMC Department of Family Medicine). The proposal was returned for review by the College of Education Graduate Committee and will be considered at a future meeting.

Graduate Student Association update.

Gov. Heineman signed a proclamation that March 31 through April 4 be noted as Graduate Student Appreciation Week. A summary of events available that week was presented. The GSA is working with the Academic Affairs office to form a taskforce for Academic Integrity and continues to work with University Health Center about student insurance. Another project is working with the Office of Research and the Faculty Senate to propose research travel grants for graduate students.

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.