

UNL Graduate Council Minutes

Meeting of November 12, 2009

The UNL Graduate Council convened at 3:30 p.m. in Room 206 of Seaton Hall. Present were: Professors Charles Ansorge, Susan Belasco, Andrea Bolland, Elizabeth Jones, Susan Lawrence, William Wagner, student representative Tareq Tawaiha; guest Engineering and Computer Science Professors Sharad Seth, Hong Jiang, Hamid Sharif, Zhengxin Chen, admissions coordinator Chelsea Hood Reese; and Ex-officio: Dean Ellen Weissinger, fellowship specialist Jane Schneider, and graduate admissions director Jan Hostetler. Dean of Graduate Studies Ellen Weissinger presided.

Proposal to Offer Two Separate Computer Engineering Specializations within the Engineering Doctoral Program

Currently there is one computer engineering specialization. The proposal is to divide it into two separate specializations, one of which will be within the department of Computer Science & Engineering in Lincoln, and the other of which will be within the department of Computer and Electronics Engineering at the Peter Kiewit Institute in Omaha. A motion was made and seconded to approve the new specializations: "Computer Engineering - Computer Science, and Computer Engineering - Computer and Electronics Engineering. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the vote on the Engineering specializations, the guests departed the meeting.

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A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposal for Changes in Graduate Assistant Summer Registration Policy

Continuing a discussion from the previous meeting, more information was presented concerning the financial impacts of summer registration on graduate student fees and access to campus services. Following the discussion, a motion was made and seconded to delete the current Graduate Studies policy to requires graduate assistants to be registered during all summer terms in which they receive funding. The motion passed unanimously. The Council specifically noted that Gas with eligible assistantship retain their earned benefit to summer tuition remission. They may register in the summer, but will no longer be required to so do by campus policy.

Announcements

- The proposal to approve a new certificate program in Insect Biology for Educators is tabled to await approval of the College of Education and Human Science. A mail ballot will be sent at a later date.

- Preparations are being made for NSF-required Responsible Conduct of Research training for all graduate assistants involved in research with NSF funding. Graduate Studies is currently creating an online training module for this purpose and will recommend that all graduate research assistants take the training.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.