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UNL GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES  
Meeting of September 9, 2010

The UNL Graduate Council convened at 3:30 p.m. in Room 206 of Seaton Hall. Present were: Professors Andrea Bolland, Elizabeth Jones, Susan Lawrence, Jon Pedersen, Mark van Roojen and Thomas Zorn; student representatives Laura Lynch and Sylvia Jons; Ex-officio members: Acting Dean Kim Espy and Assistant Dean Laurie Bellows; and fellowship specialist Jane Schneider. Acting Dean of Graduate Studies Kim Espy presided.

April 8, 2010 Minutes

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

Certificates/Specializations

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal for a new specialization in the Teaching of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Severe Disabilities for the Masters degree program in Special Education and Communication Disorders. Motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal for a new graduate certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders and Severe Disabilities in Special Education and Communication Disorders. Motion passed unanimously. The proposal will now be routed for approval to the Sr. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Council of Academic Officers, Academic Planning Committee, the Board of Regents, and the Coordinating Commission of Postsecondary Education for final approval.

Update on Parental Leave for Graduate Assistants

Kim Espy provided an update on the Parental Leave for Graduate Assistants. She sent a draft of a proposal to General Counsel for their review.

Update on release of NRC study

The National Research Council will be releasing results of the assessment of research doctoral programs that began in 2006 on September 28. A communication plan is being developed and departments will be given a summary of the data with some talking points for discussing with faculty the week of September 20<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.