# **UNL GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**

Meeting of March 14, 2013

The UNL Graduate Council convened at 3:30 p.m. in Room 206 of Seaton Hall. Present were: Professors Andrea Bolland, Elizabeth Jones, Mark van Roojen, Jody Redepenning, Rita Kean and Melanie Simpson; student representative Jared Leighton; Ex-officio members: Dean Lance Pérez and Associate Dean Laurie Bellows; Hollie Swanson, Office of Graduate Studies. Dean Lance Pérez presided.

#### <u>Announcements</u>

- Associate Dean Laurie Bellows announced nominations are being sought for two seats that will be opening on the Graduate Council; in the areas of Art and Engineering. The call for elections has gone out and results will be tabulated in April and announced in May.
- Associate Dean Laurie Bellows brought attention to the Council regarding the Spring Research fair and the added graduate research forum. Graduate faculty and administrators are encouraged to attend.

### Approval of November 8, 2012 Minutes

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

### Proposal for a Specialization in Biomedical Engineering

The proposal creates a new specialization in Biomedical Engineering within the department of Mechanical & Materials Engineering. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

## Proposal for a Specialization in Computational Methods

The proposal creates a new specialization in Computational Methods within the department of Mechanical & Materials Engineering. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

## Proposal for a Specialization in Dynamics and Vibrations

The proposal creates a new specialization in Dynamics and Vibrations within the department of Mechanical & Materials Engineering. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

## Proposal for a Specialization in Fluid Mechanics

The proposal creates a new specialization in Fluid Mechanics within the department of Mechanical & Materials Engineering. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Proposal for a Specialization in Manufacturing

The proposal creates a new specialization in Manufacturing within the department of Mechanical & Materials Engineering. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

## Proposal for a Specialization in Materials Engineering

The proposal creates a new specialization in Materials Engineering within the department of Mechanical & Materials Engineering. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

## Proposal for a Specialization in Metallurgy

The proposal creates a new specialization in Metallurgy within the department of Mechanical & Materials Engineering. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

### Proposal for a Specialization in Solid Mechanics

The proposal creates a new specialization in Solid Mechanics within the department of Mechanical & Materials Engineering. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

### Proposal for a Specialization in Thermal Sciences

The proposal creates a new specialization in Thermal Sciences within the department of Mechanical & Materials Engineering. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

## <u>GSA Report</u>

Reported by Jared Leighton, GSA President

- The GSA is focused on planning for Graduate Student Appreciation Week, April 2-6
- Recruiting next year's executive committee

### <u>Other</u>

Dean Lance Pérez made mention to the Council of the plan to hold graduate commencement at Memorial Stadium.

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.