

UNL GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting of October 9, 2014

The UNL Graduate Council convened at 3:30 p.m. in Room 206 of Seaton Hall. Present were: Professors Shannon Bartelt-Hunt, Ted Hamann, Rita Kean, Laurie Thomas Lee, Jody Redepenning, Melanie Simpson, and David Smith; student representatives Greg Degirolamo and Curtis Walker; Ex-officio members: Dean Lance Pérez and Associate Dean Laurie Bellows; Jane Schneider, Office of Graduate Studies; Guest: Craig Munier; Member absent: Professor Rhonda Fuelberth. Dean Lance Pérez presided.

Dean Pérez provided introductions and welcomed new members of Graduate Council.

Approval of February 13, 2014 Minutes

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

AY 2014-2015 Schedule of meetings

No one expressed any conflicts.

Proposal for Grading Graduate Research, Thesis and Dissertation Hours

Guest, Craig Munier, Director, Scholarships & Financial Aid provided a brief rationale for the need to create a policy for grading research, thesis and dissertation hours for federal financial aid. The proposal would provide a method of grading courses indicating progress or no progress for each semester instead of using "I."

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal with a change on page 2, paragraph 4. The word "final" was added to the first sentence, "Note that on the final transcript," - The edited proposal will be sent to the Graduate Council for review, sent out to the Graduate Faculty, and put in place Spring semester 2015. (*IS has informed us due to other programming projects in the queue, the practice won't be implemented until Summer 2015).

Accreditation Update

Associate Dean Bellows provided a handout with a description and criteria that will be used for the accreditation and on site visit to be held November 2016.

- The Higher Learning Commission Leadership Team will use a committee structure to write the assurance argument.
- The assurance argument will be sent out to the campus in the spring of 2015 for feedback.
- The evidence file will be uploaded August 2016 (100 pages, 35,000 words total).
- A link for a survey will be sent out to students before the site visit.
- Its' expected that the site visit will take place November 2016.

GSA Report

- GSA is working on rebranding itself, incorporating more inclusive representation.
- ASUN has filled all graduate student seats.
- GSA plans to meet with Graduate Studies.

The next Grad Council meeting is November 13, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.