UNL GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, November 12, 2015 3:30 pm, Seaton 206

The UNL Graduate Council convened at 3:40 p.m. in Room 206 of Seaton Hall. Present were: Professors Christina Falci, Rhonda Fuelberth, Ted Hamann, Clinton Rowe, Melanie Simpson, David Smith, and Laurie Thomas Lee; graduate student representative: Curtis Walker; Ex-officio members: Dean Lance Pérez and Associate Dean Laurie Bellows; and Jane Schneider, Office of Graduate Studies. Members absent: Professor Shannon Bartelt-Hunt; and graduate student representative: Greg DeGirolamo. Dean Lance Pérez presided.

Approval of September 9, 2015 Minutes

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

Approval of New Graduate Specialization

A motion was made and seconded to approve a specialization in Visual Impairments. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Discussion on Clarifying Grounds for Terminating a Graduate Student's Degree Program</u> <u>and Academic Integrity Statement</u>

Grad Council discussed the proposed changes for the Graduate Bulletin and made suggestions to the proposal and Academic Integrity Statement. The proposals will be updated and sent to Graduate Council for final review and approval.

<u>GSA Report</u>

Curtis Walker reported on current GSA activities.

- ASUN passed legislation changing the name of GSA from Graduate Student Association to Graduate Student Assembly.
 - This will allow GSA to go through the ASUN allocation procedure for part of the Fund A student fees. However, the final determination must be approved by the ASUN Senate.
- GSA has had, and continues to have dialogue with Lance regarding handling of student issues coming to GSA.
- Curtis asked UNL Grad Council if they encouraged their students to perform service.

<u>Other</u>

Second semester meetings will be held 3:30 p.m., 206 Seaton Hall:

- Thursday, March 10
- Thursday, April 14

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.