#### UNL GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, March 9, 2017 Room 206, Seaton Hall

The UNL Graduate Council convened at 3:30 p.m. in Room 206 in Seaton Hall. Present were: Professors Shannon Bartelt-Hunt, Christina Falci, Laurie Thomas Lee, Clinton Rowe, Melanie Simpson, and David Smith; graduate student representatives: Ignacio Correas and Karen DaSilva; Ex-officio members: Acting Dean Laurie Bellows and Terri Eastin, Office of Graduate Studies. Members absent: Professors Rhonda Fuelberth and Ted Hamann. Professors Tammie Beck, Jake Messersmith, Richard DeFusco and Jennifer Ryan attended part of the meeting. Acting Dean Laurie Bellows presided.

## Approval of February 9, 2017 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes with minor corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Approval of New Masters Degree Program in Business Analytics

A motion was made and seconded to approve a Masters Degree Program in Business Analytics. Motion passed unanimously.

## Approval of New Masters Degree Program in Finance

A motion was made and seconded to approve a Masters Degree Program in Finance. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Graduate Student Appeals Process**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Graduate Student Appeals Process. Motion passed unanimously.

# <u>2014 Graduate Council Recommendation for Grading Research, Thesis and Dissertation Hours</u>

The Graduate Council recommended that departments stop using grade of "I" for research, thesis and dissertation hours and change to grades of "IP/XP." Departments need to be consistent; the Council will not mandate how hours are recorded.

## The Higher Learning Commission's Qualified Faculty Guidelines

The Graduate Council discussed creating a policy stating parameters when judging qualified experience versus tested experience to allow someone with qualified experience to teach. A sub-group of Graduate Council members: Laurie Thomas Lee, David Smith and Shannon Bartelt-Hunt will work with Acting Dean Bellows to draft the policy.

#### **GSA** Report

A report was given on GSA activities

Next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2017, 3:30 p.m. in room 206, Seaton Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.