Graduate Council of the Faculty Senate
Monday, February 27th, 2012
University Hall, room 114
3-4 PM

Present: S. Buchanan (Chair), L. O'Laughlin (Vice Chair), S. Yeargin (Secretary), D. Yaw, W. Barratt, L. Tinnerman, E. Tuttle, J. Kuhlman, R. Tracey, B. Coldren, D. Mallory, D. Collins, S. Powers, S. Keiger, H. Hudson, L. Hall, M. Miller, R. McGiverin, Y. Peterson, M. Schaffer, G. Mann, B. Kleiber

- Call to Order from Chair: 3:05pm
- Approval of minutes of 12/11/2011: motion and approved 7-0-0
- Reports:
    - Chairperson
        - Blackboard development. Checked to see if all on the Council can see it.
    - Faculty senate liaison
        - Nothing to report
    - Administrative
        - Registrar: None
        - Library: material ordering period is done. After Spring Break the library will be open 24 hours 5 days a week.
        - CGPS: None
        - Others: None

- Old/Unfinished/Ongoing Business
    - Changes in MS in computer science. A motion to untable. 7-0-0. Discussion of changes made since it was tabled. All seem satisfactory. Motion (Yaw) and approved: 7-0-0

- New Business
    - Program change proposals, by college
        - Revision tech management program: The PhD program recently went under faculty review in order to make more competitive across the country. Changes were made in credits, experiences, curriculum. A requirement of a master's degree is mandated. Discussion of why changes were made, clarification of credit hour accumulation over years. Motion (Yaw) and approved: 7-0-0
        - Revision, MS in electronics and computer tech: This degree will meet the demand of undergraduates and meet the demand of those professionals in the field. The majority are existing classes. Will have a culminating experience. Will involve two concentrations: automation and IT. Motion (Barratt) and approved: 7-0-0
        - Revision educational technology program: Eliminations of the library media program. Motion (O'Laughlin) and approved: 7-0-0

- Requesting a change of 543 to change from an elective to a required course in the program.
- Elimination of all elements relating to library specialization due to low enrollments.
- Voting will occur through email at a later date
  - Revision in GPA requirements for BCOE doctoral degrees
    - The proposal was put forward since the grading scale changed. The request to make a language change in the requirement to say "B+" instead of a specific GPA value. Motion (O'Laughlin) for discussion and approved 6-0-1
  - Revision in English MA programs: requesting a change one degree with two concentrations. No curricular changes. Enrollments are low. Combining will help boost enrollment. Motion (Yaw) for discussion and approved 7-0-1
    - Writing
    - Literature
  - Revision, addition of concentration to MS in health sciences: a new concentration but will require not additional course. Responding to a professional field demand. Registered versus no-registered dietician tracks. Motion (Barratt) for discussion and approval: 7-0-1
  - Revision, MS in nursing admission requirements: This is a catalog change of admissions requirements. Motion (O'Laughlin) and approved: 8-0-0
  - Elimination, nurse practitioner post-master's certificate: courses were already eliminated, now the certificate will be eliminated on record. Motion (Tuttle) and approved: 8-0-0

- Policy proposals
  - Assessment plan template: individuals developing new programs were requesting a resource/tool to help them being creating plans for their proposals. The university is looking for support from the Grad Council to support the development of this tool. Motion (Barratt) and approved 7-0-1.
  - Laptop policy: Computer labs are closing. A policy has been in place for undergraduate students for some time. S. Powers explained that the Dean wants us to consider whether to keep this policy a program discussion at the Graduate level or if it should become a CGPS policy. Discussion occurred of current language and where current language is located. Satisfaction with current language: Motion (Yaw) and approved 7-0-1
  - Innovative course delivery: traditionally administration change must be passed through the Grad Council. However, a change in delivery method traditionally has not needed to be passed through grad Council. Currently, it is proposed that Dean Gatrell "flag" programs that are proposing a delivery change and determine if the Grad Council needs to review and approve the change. Discussion ensued

about the current situation and the proposed change. Grad Council consensus is that more clarity is needed from the Dean on the matter before a decision can be made. Tabled Motion (Yaw) and Second (O'Laughlin)

- Adjournment: 4:03pm