

**Graduate Council of the Faculty Senate, ISU
Wednesday, October 31, 2011 Minutes
University Hall, room 114
2-3 PM**

Members present: Stan Buchanan (C), Liz O’Laughlin (VC), Carole Yaw, Will Barratt, Elaina Tuttle

Student members: Valerie Holmes

Faculty Senate liaison: Jolynn Kuhlman

Administrative representatives and others: Jeff Decker (COB), Marcia Miller (CNHHS), Jay Gatrell (CGPS), Brian Coldren (Registration & Records)

- Approval of minutes for 9/19/2011: approved 5:0:0
- Administrative Report
 - Chairperson report:
- Change in plus/minus grades: S. Buchanan asked Dean Gatrell if plus/minus grades have had any impact on graduate student average GPA.
 - Dean Gatrell responded that there has been a slight decline in graduate average GPA. Dean Gatrell would like to see ISU keep plus/minus grades and change the scale. He encourages faculty to attend the upcoming discussion/forum.
 - No report from Faculty Senate Liaison
 - Graduate Dean Report
 - Academic renewal and Assessment of Prior learning both passed in Senate
 - Unexpected departure of a staff member in the CGPS office
 - Graduate Student Representative
 - Nov. 16: 3 to 4:30: Town Hall Meet
 - Seeking suggestions for a guest speaker, no date decided yet
 - Fund raising to pay a guest speaker (goal is \$5,000)
 - Developing infrastructure for giving funds for professional development (Bentil Award)
- Old Business: Assessment of Prior Learning
 - Motion to change the language of the proposal: 30% total including both transfer hours and hours granted for prior learning. (vote: 5:0:0)
- New Business
 - Educational leadership change of GPA requirement for admission (Will Baratt)
 - Rational for change presented by W. Barratt
 - Vote: 5:0:0
 - Changes in the physician’s assistantship program (Heather Mata)
 - Explanation by H. Mata: no change in overall content, rather grouped similar topics together in several 2-credit seminars.
 - Vote: 5:0:0
 - The elimination of the PhD in curriculum and instruction at BCOE (Susan Kiger)
 - Rogue code for CIMT Doctoral program—4 students left in this program; have a teach-out plan. Vote 5:0:0

- The change in the curriculum, instruction and media tech program at BCOE, adding English education (Susan Kiger)
 - Modification to concentration as seen in proposal
 - Vote: 5:0:0
- Adjournment and Upcoming meetings
 - Special meeting with President and Provost on 11/7/11
 - Next regularly scheduled meeting 11/14/11