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**Graduate Council of the Faculty Senate, ISU
Wednesday, September 19, 2011 Minutes
University Hall, room 114
2-3 PM**

Attendance: Steve Buchanan (C), Liz O’Laughlin (VC), Susan Yeargin (Sc), Rebecca Tracy, Dorthy Yaw, Larry Tinnerman, Valerie Holmes, Will Barret, Elaina Tuttle, Deb Mallory

Ex Officio: Rolland McGiverin (Library), Marcia Miller, Dean Gatrell,

- Call to Order: 2:01pm S. Buchanan
- Approval of minutes of 9/7/2011: 7-0-0 with amendments (names in attendance corrected)
- Reports:
 - Chairperson
 - S. Buchanan asked for clarification of subcommittee definition and general charges
 - The CGPS “rules of operation” document was brought to the chair’s attention to help with this as he notifies membership on each committee
 - Faculty Senate liaison
 - Not in attendance. Will report at next meeting
 - Administrative (CGPS Dean, registrar, library and others)
 - Moving forward with assurance of learning accreditation processes. Will go through program development easily/rapidly
 - L. Laughlin: asked the dean if follow up occurred after the initial first round. Dean indicated there was.
 - Graduate student representatives
 - Introduced to the Council
 - Nothing to report
- Old/Unfinished/Ongoing Business
 - Distance education taskforce guidelines
 - W. Barrett motion. Endorsement of Guidelines 7-0-0
- New Business
 - Academic renewal draft
 - Dean Gatrell explained the need and example situations in which academic renewal occurs within CGPS. He indicates there are situations in which academic renewal is reasonable and other times it may not.

- Suggesting a case by case review requested by the student/advisor/department
 - Reviewed uniqueness of undergraduate policy but clarified how some of these guidelines could not work for the CGPS (hence the draft)
 - L. Laughlin suggested the draft to indicate at least one year has gone by before academic renewal is requested (instead of 5 as currently listed) and 2 or more changed to 1 year as well.
 - An extensive discussion ensued about grade replacement and standing grades of “F”
 - Motion: Approval with above amendments. 7-0-1.
 - Assessment of prior learning
 - Dean Gatrell indicates there is no policy or standards currently.
 - A discussion of competency based tests/credit by examine development and implementation on a departmental basis was explored in relation to the draft.
 - A discussion of how the Grad Council would be involved in the approval of an “assessment of prior learning” exam by departments occurred.
 - The dean recommended the draft policy as is, however discussion of the percentage being lower was pursued by the committee and eventually was approved as an amendment (see below).
 - Amendment:
 - Change 50% to 30% in all places within the draft.
 - All program proposals for a “credit bearing assessment of prior learning” would need the approval of the Grad Council.
 - Motion: Approval with above amendments. 8-1-0
 - Statement on awards
 - The Dean wanted to expand upon our current celebration of grad student success. This resulted in the proposed draft briefly explained by the Dean. These will be reviewed by Ad Hoc committee and given at the current awards breakfast.
 - Endorsed by general consensus
 - Other new business
 - Draft: Adopt the same procedures as the undergraduate for course approval for university consistency purposes and to help Academic Affairs.
 - Motion: Approval 8-0-0
- Adjournment. Next meeting scheduled 10/3/2011 in UH room 114. 8-0-0