Graduate Council Meeting Agenda
April 23, 2010
11:00 a.m.
CETES Conference Center B
(Approved)

Council Members:  Ms. Kosalyn Lasn  Dr. Jennifer Dennis  Dr. Jim Hawkins
Dr. Marge Kingsley  Dr. Ken Masters  Dr. Terry Paridon
Dr. Lynda Robinson  Dr. Michelle Smith  Dr. Ali Soylu
Dr. Lawrence Weinstein
Mrs. Zoe DuRant (ex officio, non-voting)
Ms. Claudia Edwards (ex officio, non-voting)
Mrs. Bernadette Lonzanida (ex officio, non-voting)
Ms. Linda Phillips

Co-Chairs:  Dean Buddy Odom  Dean Ronna Vanderslice

Minutes

Members Present:  Dean Buddy Odom, Dean Ronna Vanderslice, Dr. Jennifer Dennis, Dr. Ken Masters, Dr. Terry Paridon, Dr. Michelle Smith, Dr. Lawrence Weinstein, Claudia Edwards, Bernadette Lonzanida, and Linda Phillips

I. The meeting was called to order by co-chair Dean Vanderslice.

II. Dr. Dennis moved and Dr. Paridon seconded that the February 23, 2010 minutes be approved with 2 corrections. Motion carried.

III. Business

A. Old Business

1. Second Master’s Degree policy – Dr. McArthur will act after psychology program changes are sent to the Regents.
2. Admission terminology change was approved by Dr. McArthur and will be in next version of graduate catalog
3. English Proficiency Policy – paperwork signed by Dr. McArthur and will be sent to the Regents.
4. Psychology program and course modifications are on hold until certification paperwork is completed. Both will be submitted at the same time. The ability to provide certification is important because VA will still provide benefits if the student is seeking certification beyond the degree.
5. Incomplete grade policy - sent to Dr. McArthur - no updates
6. Graduate faculty requirements - sent to Dr. McArthur - no updates

B. New Business

1. Dr. Vanderslice announced that Rosalyn Cash has resigned as student representative to the Council.
2. A graduate student petitioned for an extension to complete her MSBS/Alternate degree that she began in 1998. She has not completed any courses since the spring semester 2000. Several concerns were voiced:
   a. This request is for a time period well beyond the typical 1-year extensions as well as the rare 2-year extensions that the Council has approved.
   b. The student was on probation when she last attended.
   c. The student has not passed any portion of the comprehensive exams.
   d. Course requirements for the degree under which she began are considerably different from the current program.

3. Lani Malcolm is revising the graduate catalog. She is trying to align it with the undergrad catalog and make as many of the updates as possible. A draft was distributed so each member can review it and provide feedback to Lani by April 30. The goal is to have it approved and printed for the fall semester.

4. Dr. Weinstein would like a more clear definition of a “grievance” in the Academic Grievance Policy. It was also pointed out that the dean is not listed in the chain of command in the resolution of a grievance. Dr. Weinstein moved and Dr. Dennis seconded the motion to bring definitions of “grievance” to the first fall meeting for discussion and possible action. Motion carried.

IV. Announcements
   A summer meeting will not be scheduled, but one will be called if necessary.

V. The next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in CETES Conference Room B.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 12:00.