2014-2015 GRADUATE COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dr. Carl Flowers.

1. Introduction of New Members
Susan Ford read Roll Call of the 2014-15 Graduate Council.

Members Present: Craig Anz, Amanda Barnard (GPSC), Randolph Burnside, Norman Carver, Bryan Crow, Judith Davie, Michael Eichholz, Boyd Goodson, Reza Habib, Constantine Hatziadoniu, Prema Narayan, Andrew Pardieck, Amber Gregory, (GPSC), Kevin Taylor, (GPSC), Jeremiah Unkefer, (GPSC), Natalie Nash, (GPSC), Jamie McNutt, Julie Partridge, Cinzia Padovani, Cynthia Sims, Alison Watts, and Sajal Lahiri (Faculty Senate)

Members Absent: Ratna Sinha, Wayne Glass, Grant Miller, Christopher Lant, Tomas Velasco

Proxies: Eric Lenz for Andrew Youpa, Michael Eichholz for Jim Garvey

Ex-Officio Members: James Allen, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs; James Garvey, Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean Keith Wilson, Dean’s Council, Susan Ford, interim Dean

Ford explained the rules for proxy delegation for all council members and welcomed all new members.

2. Election of Officers
Susan Ford welcomed nominations from the floor for Chair. A motion to nominate Judith Davie for the position of Chair. There being no further nominations, the motion to accept the nomination of Dr. Judith Davie as Chair was approved. Susan Ford turned the meeting over to the new Chair Judith Davie.

The next order of business was to select a Vice Chair. The motion to nominate Randy Burnside for the position of Vice Chair was seconded and approved.

3. Adoption of Rules
J. Davie called for a motion for the adoption of Roberts Rules of Law. The motion to adopt was seconded. Motion approved.

4. Schedule of Meetings for 2014-15 Council
The Chair announced that the Graduate Council meetings were scheduled for the first Thursday of each month from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Student Services Building Room 150. The first meeting is set for September 4, 2014. A motion was made and seconded to establish this as the GC schedule. Motion carried.

5. New Business
S. Ford explained that the Committee Membership Preference Forms were being distributed for members to choose the committee on which he/she would like to serve. There will be a meeting over the summer to determine standing committees and will try to conform to requests. New members need to note how they would like their nameplate to read. Return the forms to S. Ford at the end of the meeting or no later than two weeks from now.

Jim Garvey announced that he would be happy to return to this body in the fall as a member. He suggested the council decide the role of the Vice Chancellor for fall, either as ex-officio, etc. Ford replied that it is in the operating papers for the Graduate School that determines the activity; there are ex-officio members on each of the committees, that maybe an appropriate role for the VCR to play as ex-officio member of the Research Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by R. Burnside to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.