Twenty-four (24) individuals signed into the meeting. Lori Baronas, Susan Chinman, Claudia Donald, Will Kazmier, John McCarthy, Shana Passonno and Sue Roberts from the Graduate School attended. Graduate Council members present were Jane Baran, Tom Braden, Tony Butterfield, Leslie Button, Linda Griffin, Steve Goodwin, Mark Hamin, A. Yemisi Jimoh, Beth Lang, Ernie May, Bill McClure, Juan Ruiz Hau, Howard Stidham, Samantha Sterba, and David Vaillancourt. Special guests in attendance were Bryan Harvey and Chancellor Subbaswamy.

I. Welcome and Introductions
Chair Linda Griffin called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

II. Special Guest Chancellor Subbaswamy
Chancellor Subbaswamy attended the Graduate Council meeting and spoke about the Phase I strategic planning document regarding the campus’s role in research and graduate education. He also spoke on Phase II and how there would be more discussion on graduate education and the importance of Ph.D. programs. He discussed issues around resource allocation and putting money where the needs are to make us successful. The Chancellor took questions from the audience on tuition waivers, whether we should start new programs such as pharmaceutical sciences, how professors are placed in “home departments”, issues around diversity and the success and growth of CPE.

III. Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by John McCarthy to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting and was seconded by Leslie Button. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Comments by the Graduate Dean
- Dean John McCarthy announced the winners of the new Distinguished Mentor Award. The winners were Lyn Frazier of Linguistics, Eric Decker of Food Science, and Erin Baker of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering. The Graduate Staff Awards went to Dorothy Adams of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering and Barbara McGlynn of the English MFA program. He also announced the DTA student award winners as Claire Brault of Political Science and Domenico Aiello from Mathematics and Statistics.
- Dean McCarthy announced the Graduate School was the recipient of President’s Enhancement Funding. The funds from this award were paid to the President’s office and now coming back to campus. These funds have been specified for STEM. The graduate school is indirectly involved with the McNair Program helping first generation undergraduates to get into graduate school and also involved with research and development careers with a grant Sue Roberts wrote. Sue Robert’s grant was for career and leadership options for students. The President’s Enhancement Funding was given to the graduate school based on these two initiatives. With national funding decreasing, by providing students with other career paths there is a possibility of industrial foundations stepping up with funding in the future. The graduate school is providing many seminars through the Office of Professional Development Office for the alternative career paths and where the presidential funds will be used.
• Dean McCarthy distributed a draft report of the JTFSA subcommittee on Research and Graduate Education and mentioned the strategic planning documents are up on the website for comments. There is a section on outreach and also research and the impact on graduate education. The planning committee would appreciate comments on these documents.

V. Old Business
None

VI. New Business
A. Report of the ASCC
The ASCC presented 7 course proposals before the Graduate Council.
   1. EDUC 630 – Seminar in International Education
   2. EDUC 750 – Apprenticing to Research in Language, Literacy & Culture
   3. EDUC 794E - Advances in Item Response Theory (IRT-2)
   4. EDUC 891N – Psychometric Models & Practices, Part II (Classical Test Theory 2)
   5. CMPSCI 631 – Programming Languages
   6. CHE – Nanomaterials Chemistry & Engineering
   7. CSAT 520 – Old Catalan Literature

John McCarthy made a motion to accept the course proposals and Bill McClure seconded the motion and the course proposals were unanimously approved.

The ASCC presented 1 program proposal before the Graduate Council.
   1. Ph.D. in Education

John McCarthy made a motion to accept the program proposals and Tony Butterfield seconded the motion and the program proposal was unanimously approved.

VII. Committee reports as necessary
There was a request for a committee report on how the new graduate fellowship program was going. The departments seem happy with the flexibility, the timelines, the reduction in paperwork and additional funding. Dean McCarthy was asked to provide an analysis in the fall 2014 for the Graduate Council.

VIII. Comments from Administrative Officers and others as appropriate
Bill McClure from CPE presented the statistics from the spring enrollments. The face to face classes and credit hours have declined. The decrease is from the professionals who come to campus and have family responsibilities. The on-line classes and credit hours have increase 10% and the main growth has been seen in the MBA, masters in accounting and public health program.

IX. Announcements
None

X. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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