Twenty (20) individuals signed into the meeting. Lori Baronas, Susan Chinman, Bette Elsden, Will Kazmier, John McCarthy and Patrick Sullivan from the Graduate School attended. Graduate Council members present were Jane Baran, Tom Braden, Tony Butterfield, Leslie Button, David Ford, Alice Harris, A. Yemisi Jimoh, Beth Lang, John Lopes, Daniel Morales, Dani O’Brien, Juan Ruiz Hau, Lee Riekki and David Vaillancourt.

I. Welcome and Introductions
Dean John McCarthy called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. in Linda Griffin’s absence. Alice Harris, the Research Council Representative for the Graduate Council, was welcomed by Dean McCarthy.

II. Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by Tony Butterfield to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Comments by the Graduate Dean
- Dean John McCarthy thanked the volunteers who indicated they would serve on the policy committee. The policy committee will review things such as 1. Student complaint procedures, 2. Procedures and processes to remove a faculty member from graduate faculty status and 3. The Graduate Student Handbook. Dani O’Brien and Juan Ruiz-Hau volunteered to serve as student members of this committee.
- Dean McCarthy announced the STEM Institute will now be under the Graduate School, moving from the Provost Office. This change will give STEM more support and will be able to expand the diversity program. Dean McCarthy is forming a new committee and it will be called the Graduate Student Diversity Task Force. He is looking for council members to serve.
- The Provost wants all freshman undergraduates to take a seminar which will be taught by post docs and graduate students. This will be a one credit seminar similar to a program at John Hopkins University known as the Dean’s Teaching Fellows. Graduate students would propose courses and it would give them more experience in teaching. It will be essential for faculty to be a part of this process. There was a lot of discussion on the process, budget, implementing the program, how the courses would be graded, whether it would be part of the general requirements and Dean McCarthy indicated this is still in the discussion and planning stage at this time. Residential Life and the Honors College are already doing something similar to this proposal.
- Bette Elsden spoke about the new peer coaching initiative. Coaches have received 15 hours of training and will help graduate students determine their goals; make them aware of where they are now and how to get them to their end goal. Coaching will also be targeted for groups such as older students and students of color. Counseling sessions will be limited to 30 minutes and student will need to sign a peer coaching agreement. Students can attend more than one session. This program will work closely with the College of Education and the Center for Counseling and Psychological Health.

IV. Old Business
Patrick Sullivan proposed to increase the Statue of Limitations for Master’s degree students from four to five years. This would affect 50+ students a year. Tony Butterfield made a motion to accept the proposal and John Lopes seconded it. The proposal passed unanimously.
V. New Business
A. Report of the ASCC

Tony Butterfield presented 1 program proposal and 14 course proposals before the Graduate Council.

1. Name change of the Doctoral Concentration back to Research, Educational Measurement and Psychometrics (REMP)

Tony Butterfield made a motion to accept the program proposal and Tom Braden seconded the motions. The program proposal was unanimously approved.

Tony Butterfield presented 14 program proposals before the Graduate Council.

1. CAT 521 – Modern Catalan Literature
2. NURSE 705 – Complex Health problems in Primary Care for Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions Part I
3. NURSE 706 - Complex Health problems in Primary Care for Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions Part II
4. NURSE 616 – Introduction to Statistics for health Research: Computer Application and Analysis of Data
5. NURSE 716 Intermediate Statistics for Health Research: Computer Application and Analysis of Data
6. NURSE 798EC – Practicum: Complex Health Problems in primary Care for Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions Part I
7. NURSE 798ED – Practicum: Complex Health Problems in Primary Care for Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions Part II
8. EDUC 692R – Introduction to College Teaching
9. REGPL 699 – Master’s Thesis Revision
10. EDUC 754 – Adult Learning Theory & Practice
11. EDUC 793E – Project Management & Implementation
12. ART 685 – Media and Motion Graphics
13. EDUC 745 – Advanced Aspects of Applied Behavior Analysis
14. EDUC 714 – Learning & Thinking in Childhood

John McCarthy made a motion to accept the course proposals and Tony Butterfield seconded the motion. The course proposals were unanimously approved.

VI. Committee reports as necessary
None

VII. Comments from Administrative Officers and others as appropriate
None

IX. Announcements
None

X. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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