Twenty-six (26) individuals signed into the meeting. Lori Baronas, Susan Chinman, Bette Elsden, John McCarthy, Sue Roberts and Patrick Sullivan from the Graduate School attended. Graduate Council members present were Ghazah Abbasi, Jane, Baran, Tom Braden, Tony Butterfield, Leslie Button, David Ford, Adina Giannelli, Linda Griffin, Mark Hamin, Cynthia Jacelon, A. Yemisi Jimoh, Arthur Kinney, Kevin Klement, Beth Lang, John Lopes, Ernie May, Jose Ornelas, Nate Therien, David Vaillancourt and Anna Waltman.

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

II. Approval of Minutes
The minutes of September 11, 2013 were unanimously approved.

III. Comments by the Graduate Dean
- Dean McCarthy consulted with Harry Rockland-Miller regarding the Academic Honesty Policy and Accommodation Policy and as a result the Faculty Senate web page has been updated on the ASCC page.
- Members of the council were asked if they had been following the new budget models? Dean McCarthy announced a joint task force on budget allocations is being formed to provide more linkages between the source of funding and where the funding is disbursed. GEO members asked if there were talks in the process and Ernie May suggested people could look at the Responsibility Center Management “RCM” book by John Currey or the University of Florida RCM to familiarize themselves with this model. Dean McCarthy indicated there were no proposals on the table yet and that 75% of all funding comes from self-generated funds and 25% from the state budget.
- Dean McCarthy announced Shana Passonno joined the Graduate School and will be the co-director of the Office of Professional Development.
- Bette Elsden spoke about the efforts of the Office of Professional Development (OPD) and announced a faculty and student advisory board was created to get the word out to students and departments. When faculty members are involved students tend to attend the workshops. Her office helps to prepare graduate students across disciplines to become trained leaders in the professional work, both inside and outside the academy. She is currently offering seminars on grant writing, time management and exploring non-academic career paths for students. The OPD works closely with deans, faculty and partners with the Center for Teaching, Inst. for Social Science Research, the W.E.B. DuBois Library, Graduate Women in STEM, the Office of Research and Engagement and Inst. for Cellular Engineering to mention a few.
• Sue Roberts spoke about IGERT and NSF sponsored research and career development programs for graduate students. She commented on an annual event held for students on what to expect in their 1st and 5th years of school. She mentioned career exploration seminars held with companies and the interaction with industry and connecting companies with the Mass Life Science Center. These connections will allow students to meet with the companies in the future. Sue Roberts also spoke briefly regarding NIH and the individual development plan (IDP) which becomes mandatory in October 2014 and the new template to put forth a plan outside of research.

• Bette Elsden wants to develop a HUB where students can find out what is happening outside of the students individual department for alternatives to careers for graduate students.

IV. Old Business
Linda Griffin asked for volunteers to fill the remaining slots on the sub-committees of the Graduate Council. Mark Hamin volunteered for the Ad Hoc Committee on GPD Responsibilities.

V. New Business
Leslie Button announced that MFA and the Graduate School worked out details of the embargo on dissertations from last spring’s recommendations and they have been accepted by the library. She also announced the University Libraries will hold an Open Access Week from October 21-25, 2013. An important topic will be on Tuesday, October 22 titled Publishing Your Dissertations from 4:00 – 5:30 and will be a panel discussion. The panel includes Brian Ogilvie from History, Laura Quilter from the Library, Bruce Wilcox from the University Press and graduate student. During the Grad Council meeting there was some clarification on the embargo. Students can make a request for a longer embargo on their dissertations, it is then reviewed and approved.

VI. Committee reports as necessary
None

VII. Comments from Administrative Officers and others as appropriate
None

VIII. Announcements
None

IX. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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