**MINUTES**

**Graduate Council Meeting**

Monday, February 17, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

University Annex Room 203

Present: Irene Aiken, Nick Arena, Rita Hagevik, Karen Helgeson, Ann Horton-Lopez, Roger Ladd, Raymond Lee, Zoe Locklear, Larry Mabe, Angela McDonald, Michael Pennington, Karen Stanley, Barbara Synowiez, Tommy Thompson, Velinda Woriax, Mark Canada

Absent: Valerie Austin, Scott Billinsgley, Rebecca Bullard-Dillard, Sherry Edwards, Roger Guy, Kim Sellers, Jeffrey Warren, Stacy Medina (President, GSO)

Guest: Gary Locklear

**Call to Order**

Dr. Irene Aiken called the meeting to order at 3:00. The agenda was approved. The minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting were approved.

**Graduate Faculty Nominations—**the following nomination was approved as presented:

Berntsen, Michael, PhD, Adjunct (Department of English, Theatre and Foreign Languages)

* All in attendance voted yay with no nays

**Report from School of Graduate Studies**

* Graduate Research Poster Session, March 18, 2014, 5:30-7:30, Health Sciences Bldg, 1st floor lobby
* Closing of the Graduate Music program
* Numbers from this semester
* Licensure issue – By April 1, everyone will be asking who is finishing
* Dr. Lee suggests hybrid course offerings as a mean of increasing awareness and interest. Dr. Synowiez agreed and included how one class offering may have several sections, so that different times and days can be accounted.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business**

* Graduate Appeals suggest guidelines regarding transfer work and how it is accepted. Suggestion 10 years or older must give documented rationale and how it relates to current curriculum content. Anything less than 5 year is handled at the program level and they have final say regarding transfer courses. Create a form that is more robust in what is required and not just optional.

**Announcements/Reminders**

* “Good News” announcements?
* Dr. Angela McDonald will be the program director for both Clinical Mental Health Counseling & Professional School Counseling
* As of March 1, 2014, Dr. Jennifer Twaddell is the new program director for Nursing
* Graduation Application Deadline:

March 1 for fall 14 graduation

October 1 for spring 15 graduation

* Graduate Studies Spring Commencement: Friday, December 6, 2013
* Spring New Graduate Student Orientation: Saturday, August 16, 2014 in the Annex
* All in attendance voted yay no nays
* Graduate Council Meetings for the 2013-2014 year are head in UC Annex room 203 at 3 pm. Remaining meeting dates: March 17, and April 21.

Remember to check regularly the Graduate Academic Calendar for dates of importance (<http://www.uncp.edu/grad/news/calendar/>).

**Next Meeting: Monday, February 17, 2014, 3:00- 5:00, UC Annex Room 203**