**MINUTES**

**Graduate Council Meeting**

Monday, March 18, 2013, 3:00 p.m.

University Center Room 251

Present: **Drs. Irene Aiken, Valerie Austin, Rita Hagevik, Karen Helgeson, Ann Horton-Lopez, Roger Ladd, Raymond Lee, Howard Ling, Larry Mabe, Angela McDonald, Kim Sellers, Karen Stanley, Tommy Thompson;** Mr. Owen Thomas (President, GSO)

Absent: **Drs. Scott Billingsley, Warren Eller, Bill Gash, Roger Guy, Joanne Hessmiller, Zoe Locklear, Jeffrey Warren, Velinda Woriax**

Guests: Drs. Alfred Bryant, Mark Canada, Barbara Synoweiz

**Call to Order**

Dr. Irene Aiken called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. The agenda was adopted as presented. The minutes of the February 18, 2013meeting were accepted by unanimous consent.

**Graduate Faculty Nominations**

The following nominee was approved for Graduate Faculty Status as noted:

Department of Biology

Santisteban, Maria, PhD, Full

Department of Nursing

Beasley, Cherry, PhD, Full

Evans, Dena, EdD, Full

Johnson, Jennifer, MSN, Prof. Aff.

Synowiez, Barbara, PhD, Full

Twaddell, Jennifer, PhD, Full

*The following nominee appears on the agenda but was not considered due to lack of representation*

Department of Sociology and CJ

Sonali, Jain, PhD, Adjunct

**Program/Course Proposals**

Department of English and Theatre

Add “Or permission of instructor” to TESL 5890 prerequisites (to read “ENG 5850 or permission of instructor”)

Tommy Thompson moved, Larry Mabe seconded and the course proposal Passed **pending** passage by the TEC.

**Graduate School Proposals for Discussion or Vote**

The Council discussed the role of Graduate Course Evaluations and some issues raised by the process. It was decided to keep the surveys as they are written and the process the same but change the title to *Graduate Course Analysis*. The name change may stop confusion with Student Evaluation of Instruction.

**Report from School of Graduate Studies**

GSO Report-- Owen Thomas said he planned to recruit for GSO at the Poster Session and that he hopes to have another reception or social before the end of the year.

Irene Aiken reported on the Graduate School Open House and the Graduate Research Poster Session to be held **Monday, March 25, 2013**. About 50 presentations are scheduled, the largest number to date. All program directors are expected to be present.

Recruitment Discussion-- Irene Aiken passed around the updated numbers towards enrollment goals and noted that we have a long way to go to meet our goals.

**Unfinished Business--**none

**New Business-**none

**Announcements/Reminders**

* “Good News” announcements
  + The Counseling programs received the Professional Identity Award for 2013 from the National Board of Certified Counselors (one of only 3 counseling programs selected). The award came with a $5000 check that that will be used for student scholarships to support professional development activities.
* Future 2012-2013 Graduate Council Meetings: April 15 -- in UC 251.
* Graduation Application Deadlines:

October 1, 2013 for spring 2014 graduation

March 1, 2014 for fall 2014 graduation

* Graduate Appeals Committee: June (date TBD)
* Graduate Studies Spring Commencement: Friday, May 3, 2013
* Fall New Graduate Student Orientation: Saturday, August 10, 2013 in the Annex
* Graduate Research Poster Session: Monday, March 25, 2013, 5:30-7:00 pm
* Last Lecture Series: April 10, 2013 (likely 3:30 start time)
* Withdrawal deadlines: Check Graduate Academic Calendar (see below)

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

**Next Meeting: Monday, April 15, 2013, 3:00 p.m., UC Room 251**