GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2015


Not Present: Ty Aller, Tyler Broadbent, Derek Hastings

Visitors: Craig Kelley, Gretchen Peacock, Ron Gillam

Call to Order, Welcome: Mark McLellan

Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2014: Approved

Dean’s Report

- Information: The legislature is being asked for additional funding for graduate education as well as funding for the clinical services and biology buildings.
- Microscopy core: Funding will be provided for students, similar to grad travel awards.
- Information: RGS Assistantships: decisions have been made and letters sent. There will be an additional award in April for 2016 that some faculty have asked to be considered for.

Old Business

New Business

- R401 Neuroscience PhD – Gretchen Peacock, Ron Gillam – There will be 43 core credits, 9 electives and 12 credits of focus areas. The focus area would be translational, educational, or lifespan neuroscience. Motion to discuss the R401 was made by Kathleen Mohr. 2nd Michelle Baker. There is a letter of support coming from the library. PhD will be in Neuroscience, not in a college. It will be housed in Psychology. Vote in support: Unanimous
- R401 Sociology – Remove MA – Motion to discuss the R401 was made by Rick Krannich 2nd Johan Du Toit. They don’t award the degree anymore. They are using the MS degree as it is heavily focused on research. Vote in support: Unanimous
- GRE Requirement for Fine Arts Applicants – Nicholas Morrison – GRE and MAT scores don’t track with graduate study in some of the Fine Arts departments. Others track more with their portfolios. The college would like to have the option at the department level to use a portfolio in place
of a test score. Some programs within the college will continue to require the GRE or MAT. Rating portfolios is subjective whereas GRE's are not. Is that a safeguard for the University? We can put together a committee to explore the question in depth and return with their findings. The committee will include Abby Benninghoff, Konrad Lee and Chris Terry with Richard leading the group.

- **Information: Mid-Term College Review** – This is an action of the Deans. The reports will be seen by the Graduate School and President Albrecht but they are for the Deans. College representatives reported on the status of their mid-term review for the 5 year plan. Reviews are due Mar 4.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Nicholas Morrison. Adjourned