Graduate Council Minutes 11/11/2015

Present: Mark McLellan (Chair), Abby Benninghoff, Michele Baker, Jeff Broadbent, Johan Du Toit, Richard Inouye, Rick Krannich, Dan Holland (for Konrad Lee), Mark McLellan, Louis Nadelson, Nick Morrison (for Chris Terry), Charles Waugh, Nick Flann, Ty Aller, Erin Brewer

Not Present: John Elsweiler, Scott Bates

Visitors: Craig Kelley, Sheryl Aguilar

Call to Order, Welcome: Mark McLellan

Approval of Minutes from October 21st

Hearing no changes, the Chair declared the minutes approved.

Dean’s Report

Information:

- Supplemental Language Tuition Support
  - Form available online on SGS website forms page: http://rgs.usu.edu/graduateschool/forms/additional-forms
  - Funding available starting in spring 2016.
  - Currently no deadline.

- School of Graduate Studies is considering using an application fee waiver as recruiting tool
  - Currently application fee waiver is available for McNair and Honor students.
  - The graduate school is considering using IPED data to offer application waivers to applicants who belong to underrepresented minority groups.
  - As a reminder, the USU School of Graduate Studies offers annual graduate student recruitment grants (up to $2,000) to each department to support program activities that directly contribute to the recruitment of high quality graduate students. See
http://rgs.usu.edu/graduateschool/faculty-resources/graduate-recruitment-toolkit for application details.

Informational Items

- Sheryl Aguilar presented on DNFS concurrent BS/MS program
  - As of 2024 all newly licensed dieticians must have a Master's degree for certification.
  - Concurrent program will split 9 credits students take as undergraduates into credits for a graduate degree.
  - Eligibility: 3.0 GPA, completed 90 credits, completed application to the graduate school
  - Students will be awarded Bachelor degree after completing undergraduate requirements.

- Ty Aller presented on Graduate Senate
  - Graduate Student Senate is trying to boost representatives
  - Graduate Enhancement $4,000 scholarship is available, based on merit. Encourage departments to have students to apply.
  - Project and Research Grants $1000 to provide funding to help exceptional projects and research.
  - Graduate students sometimes feel socially isolated. Graduate Student Senate is working on a graduate student social network and is hosting events throughout the year.

Committee of the Whole

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Rick Krannich

Meeting Adjourn