

## **GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **October 19, 2011 – Meeting 01**

Approved: November 2, 2011

**Present:** Bhushan Bhatt, Roman Dembinski, Jacqueline Drouin, Donna Free, Shawn Lombardo, Robert Noiva, Linda Pavonetti, Claire Rammel, Cheryl Riley-Doucet, Darlene Schott-Baer, Meir Shillor

**Absent:** Carol Swift (excused), Gautam Singh (excused)

**Guest:** Susan Awbrey

**Staff:** Julie Delaney, Lynette Folken, Angelica Proffett

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was convened at 2:05 p.m. by Darlene Schott-Baer, Chair.

### **II. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Susan Awbrey thanked Council Members for their service and support during her tenure as Chair of the Graduate Council.

#### **Graduate Council Nominations for OU Research Committee**

Linda Pavonetti reported that Julia Smith (School of Education and Human Services) is willing to serve. Jacqueline Drouin will seek nominations from the School of Health Sciences.

#### **Election of Graduate Council Officers**

2011-2012 Graduate Council officers were nominated and approved:

Parliamentarian: Donna Free

Secretary: Lynette Folken

Nominations for a Vice Chair are still pending.

### **II. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Appointment of Proposal Review Subcommittees**

Darlene Schott-Baer appointed the following members to review subcommittees to evaluate proposals received and awaiting review and approval by Graduate Council.

##### **1. Master of Education in Higher Education (new program)**

Jacqueline Drouin and Cheryl Riley-Doucet

First reading: November 2, 2011

**2. Master of Science in Psychology (new program)**

**Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology (new program)**

Linda Pavonetti, Gautam Singh, and Meir Shillor

First reading: November 16, 2011

**3. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) to Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)  
(modification)**

Donna Free and Bhushan Bhatt

First reading: December 7, 2011

**4. Master of Science in Physical Therapy (program modification)**

Carol Swift and Roman Dembinski

First reading: December 7, 2011

**School of Medicine Grading**

A motion to approve a recommendation from Graduate Council to update the graduate grading system to include new grades for students admitted to the Doctor of Medicine degree program in the School of Medicine effective Fall 2011. Assessment of medical student learning will be based on a Pass/Fail schema that utilizes a three (3) interval grading range defined as Honors/Pass/Fail. All courses and clerkships offered by the School of Medicine will be graded on the **Honors/Pass/Fail** system, which will also include the **I (Incomplete)** and **W (Withdraw)** grades. Council member Robert Noiva was present to represent the School of Medicine. The motion was made by Donna Free and seconded by Linda Pavonetti.

A motion to waive the second reading was made by Meir Shillor and seconded by Jacqueline Drouin.

The Graduate Council vote was unanimous.

**III.ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.