



Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 @ 3:04 pm to 4:21 pm

Location: Room 200 – Whetten Graduate Center

Subject: Graduate Faculty Council Committee (GFC) Meeting Minutes Summary

Attendees: Kari Adamsons, Richard Bass, Victoria Blodgett, Andrew Bush, Jason Charrette, Zhiyi Chi, Steven Demurjian, Kimberly Dodge-Kafka, Pouran Faghri, Jane Anna Gordon, Mitch Green, Mark Hamilton, Ashley Helton, Kent Holsinger, Kelly Jones, Louise Lewis, George McManus, Kenneth Noll, Lynn Puddington, Heather Read, Sue Saunders, Cristian Schulthess, Farhed Shah, Michael Smith, Rachel Theodore (Alternate for Tammie Spaulding), David Stern, Timothy Vadas, and Janet Watson.

Absent: Daniel Adler, Hector Aguila, Ivy Alexander, Janet Barnes-Farrell, Patrick Butler, Joanne Conover, Craig Denegar, Mary Anne Doyle, Gerald Dunne, Maria-Luz Fernandez, Miguel Gomes, Christopher Heinen, Thomas Kehle, Barbara Kream, Charles Mahoney, Gary Powell, Mark Robbins, Anji Seth, Tammie Spaulding, Megan Staples, Kumar Venkitanarayana and Mark Urban.

1. Agenda item number one (1) – *Call to order by Kent Holsinger* was presented at 3:04 pm.
2. Agenda item number two (2) – *Presented for voting: Approval of the minutes from the October 15, 2014 meeting* was introduced by Kent Holsinger. The agenda item was moved, seconded, and **passed by voice vote without dissent.**
3. Agenda item number three (3) – *Report from Jason Charrette, President Graduate Student Senate (GSS)* was introduced by Kent Holsinger.

Jason informed the Committee that the GSS was conducting a graduate student survey to get a better understanding on their housing and bus transportation/bus line needs. To date, 300 students have participated in the survey and Jason will share the results at the next meeting in January.
4. Agenda item number four (4) – *Presented for additional discussion – Status of Graduate Faculty Members* was introduced by Kent Holsinger. The agenda item was open for discussion and review by the Committee, who ultimately recommend several options regarding the review process for the Executive Committee to discuss and review at its next meeting.
5. Agenda item number five (5) – *Report from Dean Kent Holsinger.*
 - A. As an informational tool, Kent provided the committee with a draft of the graduate education section for NEASC reaccreditation self-study.
 - B. Kent informed the Committee that the NSF Graduate Education Forum is a great site for folks to visit if they have a general interest in graduate education.
6. The next meeting of the Graduate Faculty Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2015.
7. The meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm with 28 individuals in attendance.