



**March 1, 2012**

**1:30 p.m.**

In attendance: Nancy Duran, Skip Landis, Jane Welsh, Sarah Bednarz, R. Saravanan, Scott Miller, Julie Wilson, Jenna Kurten, Nicole Wilkins, Jana Corley, Dick Haney, Sam Kirkpatrick, Patricia Hurley, Robin Autenrieth, Karen Butler-Purry, Mark Zoran and Dave Wentling

Mark Zoran mentioned that he will be sending out an email to the graduate deans concerning the process for colleges to submit a list of courses designated for withdrawal because they had not been offered in the last 5 years. Graduate Deans were requested to discuss this issue at their respective GICs and be prepared to forward the respective college list to Jana Corley by March 22, 2012. (10 days prior to next GC meeting on April 5, 2012). Dr. Hurley cautioned that there were a lot of errors in the lists.

Mark Zoran mentioned that Dave Wentling will be leaving OGS. Mark also mentioned that Megan Palsa and Patty Garza were also leaving OGS. Karen Butler-Purry addressed these departures by reassuring the Council that these positions have not been eliminated from the budget and that over the next couple of months she will use this as an opportunity to assess the overall office structure of OGS, prior to filling these positions, to make sure that OGS has the positions necessary to best serve the TAMU graduate community.

**1. Discussion Items:**

- a. Julie Wilson discussed the Transfer Policy for graduate courses. There was a motion to approve and seconded that Julie Wilson would work on re-wording for the graduate catalog to state that regardless of the status of the student ( degree-seeking, non-degree-seeking) if the course came from an accredited institution it would be allowed to be transferred. The motion was approved.

Julie also mentioned the creation of a new Faculty Graduate Advisor listserv.

Karen Butler-Purry also mentioned That Jana Corley will step in and provide the administrative support for the Graduate Council. She also mentioned the creation of a common email address for submission of Graduate Council documents so that regardless of who is in charge of the administrative processes, the documents can still be submitted.

- b. Dave reed initiated a discussion about the immediate termination of out-of-state tuition waivers for Fellowship holders below a 3.00. Karen Butler-Purry will research the origins of this ruling and provide to the Council at the next meeting in April.

**2. Approval of February 2012 Graduate Council minutes.-Approved**

**3. New Course Requests:**

The following new courses were approved by Graduate Council with friendly amendments

- a. INTA 663 International Transfer Pricing
- b. NRSC 698 Behavior, Genes, and Evolution
- c. NUEN 670 Introduction to Radiotherapy Physics
- d. VIZA 693 Professional Study

**4. Course Change Requests:**

The following course change requests were approved by Graduate Council with friendly amendments.

- a. BIOT 684 Directed Professional Internship
- b. ESSM 612 Rangeland Vegetation Management

**5. Course Withdrawals**

The following course withdrawals were approved by Graduate Council

- a. MKTG 679 Retail Mgmt & Consulting
- b. PSAA 662 Health System Plans and Policy