

In attendance: Mark Zoran, Dave Wentling, Nancy Duran, Karen Butler-Purry, Brittany Bounds, Scott Miller, Rick Haney, Kristen Pullen, Dave Reed, Jane Welsh, Sandra Williams, Sarah Bednarz, Kevin Heniz, Nicole Kinslow, Carmelita Pickett, Leonard Bright, LaRhesa Johnson

1. Discussion Items:

- a. Important Dates Schedule
 - i. The deadlines for submission of new course request and course changes were discussed, and the decision was made to make no changes to the deadlines.
- b. Committee Membership
 - i. Reviewed the role of Graduate Council, what the membership consists of and who has voting rights within the Graduate Council.
- c. Elections of Chair and Vice Chair
 - i. It was voted to keep re-elect Dr. Mark Zoran as Chair and Dr. Kimberly Vannest as Vice Chair.
- d. New Course Form/Syllabus Checklist
 - i. Overview of new course checklist and reinforced importance of supporting documentation. It was pointed out that learning outcomes are optional for graduate syllabi.

2. New Course Requests:

The following new course requests were approved by Graduate Council:

- a. ECEN 755 Stochastic System
- b. ECEN 777 Photonics: Fiber and Integrated Optics
- c. ECON 614 The Economics of Microfinance
- d. ECON 668 Decisions Under Risk and Uncertainty
- e. ENGR 677 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Teaching Professional Development
- f. GEOS 677 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Teaching Professional Development
- g. HORT 619 Plant-Associated Microorganisms (*tabled at August 2013 meeting*)
- h. MEPS 619 Plant-Associated Microorganisms (*tabled at August 2013 meeting*)
- i. PLPA 619 Plant-Associated Microorganisms (*tabled at August 2013 meeting*)
- j. SCEN 677 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Teaching Professional Development

The following new course request was tabled by Graduate Council:

- a. CPSY 637 Latino Psychology (*tabled at May 2013 meeting*)

3. Course Change Requests:

The following course change requests were approved by Graduate Council:

- a. BAEN 651 Geographic Information Systems
- b. ESSM 651 Geographic Information Systems
- c. BOTN 685 Directed Studies
- d. BOTN 691 Research

- e. ZOOL 681 Seminar
- f. ZOOL 685 Directed Studies
- g. ZOOL 691 Research
- h. ENGL 688 Introduction to Comparative Literature
- i. MSEN 602 Advanced Materials Science and Engineering
- j. POLS 603 Quantitative Political Analysis II

The following course change request was tabled by Graduate Council:

- a. MARA 650 Distribution Logistics (*tabled at August 2013 meeting*)

4. Special Consideration Items:

The following special consideration item was approved by Graduate Council:

- a. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Doctoral Program Proposal (*tabled at August 2013 meeting*)