Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

204A Evans Library

September 5, 2013

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, Leanard 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 \textit{(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 \textit{(tabled at August 2013 meeting)}