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Annual Report of the Graduate Council 2008-2009

To: Faculty Senate Executive Committee
 Date: July 22, 2009
 From: Darlene Russ-Eft, Chair, Graduate Council AY2008-9
 RE: Graduate Council Annual Report for AY2008-9

The Graduate Council (GC) met twelve times during the Academic Year 2008-2009 and was represented by all colleges. The following is a summary of the activities and accomplishments of the Graduate Council during the academic year. Details may be found in the Graduate Council minutes posted on the website:

<http://oregonstate.edu/senate/committees/gradcncl/min/index.html>

Category I Proposals. The following Category I proposals were reviewed. The actions taken are listed below:

- Renaming Economics Degree to Applied Economics Degree. GC reviewed and approved this proposal.
- Suspension of the Agricultural and Resource Economics Graduate Program. GC reviewed and approved this proposal.
- Graduate Certificate in Management for Science Professionals. GC reviewed and approved this proposal.
- Suspension of Master's of Science Degrees in Environmental Health Science. GC reviewed and approved this proposal.
- Interdisciplinary Master of Natural Resources. GC reviewed and approved this proposal.

Category II Proposals. The following Category II proposals and process were reviewed. The actions taken are listed below:

- Category II proposals were reviewed by a GC subcommittee.
- Use of University of Oregon Law School courses for Water Resources Master's of Science Degree. GC reviewed the proposal, and the Category II subcommittee reviewed the proposed courses. GC approved proposal but limited the number of credits that could be transferred to 15 credits.
- Summer work by Category II subcommittee. During the summer of 2008, Category II proposals were not reviewed, resulting in an overload during the fall 2008 period. To avoid a similar situation this year, a subcommittee was appointed to review these proposals during the summer months.

Graduate Program Reviews. Scheduled reviews and actions taken are listed below:

- Graduate program in Mechanical Engineering was reviewed, and the report of the Review Team was accepted by the GC.
- Masters of Agriculture (MAg). GC reviewed and accepted the report.
- Graduate program in Biological and Ecological Engineering was reviewed. The report is in preparation for consideration during the 2009-10 academic year.
- Graduate program in Environmental Science was reviewed. The report is in preparation for consideration during the 2009-10 academic year.
- Graduate programs in Teacher Education and Counselor Education were reviewed. The report is in preparation for consideration during the 2009-10 academic year.

Follow-up Graduate Program Reviews. These take place three years after a major program review.

- Graduate Program in Genetics. Based on the follow-up, GC recommended that the faculty in Molecular and Cellular Biology (MCB) and the faculty in Genetics report to the Graduate School on the Genetics program status.
- Graduate Program in Forest Science. Based on the follow-up, GC recommended that a second follow-up

be undertaken in 2010-2011.

Awards: Subcommittees of Council members reviewed nominations and selected recipients of the following awards:

- Laurel Block Grants (awarded to departments)
- Oregon Lottery Scholarships
- Bayley Graduate Fellowship
- Yerex Graduate Fellowship
- Herbert F. Frolander Outstanding GTA Award
- Excellence in Graduate Mentoring Award

Review of Internal OSU Preproposals for National Funding Competitions.

- Faculty proposals for Integrative Graduate Education and Traineeship Program (IGERT) for the Research Office. GC reviewed and ranked these proposals to determine four to be selected for OSU's submission

Policy-Related Issues.

- Future GC members should develop criteria for the periodic review of the INTO graduate student pathway programs.
- A subcommittee should explore the cyclical review process for graduate certificates and for established graduate minors for which there is no corresponding graduate degree program.
- GC requested that the Graduate School ask all programs for a definition of "adequate student progress."

Other Business.

- GC reviewed and approved the planning for the OSU-INTO-pathway students to be considered for the MBA and the MEng.
- GC reviewed and approved American Sign Language as a recognized second language; GC approved amending the Graduate Catalog as follows: "must show foreign language proficiency (including American Sign Language)..."
- GC commented on the proposed Revisions to Academic Regulations (20, 23, 24) and a newly proposed AR 31.
- GC accepted a proposal to set a conditional graduate admission for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 6.0 with the condition of revisiting the issue in a year.
- GC accepted a proposal to set a minimum Internet Based (IBT) score of 26 to replace the SPEAK score of 50 with the condition that this will be reviewed at the end of 2009-2010.
- GC reviewed a proposal for a five-year B.S./M.S. program in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. This will need to be reviewed and approved by the 2009-2010 Graduate Council.
- GC discussed the report of the Graduate Enrollment Task Force.
- GC met with eCampus staff to discuss issues and problems arising with eCampus programs and proposals.

2007-2008 Graduate Council Membership

Darlene Russ-Eft, '09, Chair	Education
Vinod Narayanan, '09	Engineering
Shawna Grosskopf, '09	Liberal Arts
Rick Colwell, '10	Oceanic & Atmospheric Sciences
Nancy King, '10	Business
Chrissa Kioussi, '10	Pharmacy
Kathy O'Reilly, '10	Veterinary Medicine
Becky Donatelle, '11	Health & Human Sciences
Jo Tynon, '11	Forestry
Walt Loveland, '11	Science
Tom Wolpert, '11	Agricultural Sciences
Britt Hoover	Student Member
Ricardo Matano	Oceanic & Atmospheric Sciences, GAC Chair

Sally Francis, Dean
Martin Fisk, Associate Dean

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