

## **GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**March 19, 2015**

**Meeting Location: 1103 Converse Hall**

Present: Jennifer Branscome, Michael Davey, Phillip Dybicz, Iris Ellis, E-Ling Hsiao, Lyle Indergaard, Sandra Kregar, James LaPlant (presiding), Jim Loughry, Neal McIntyre (for Fred Knowles), Linda Most, Corine Myers-Jennings, David Nelson, Jim Peterson (for Sherman Yehl), Alicja Rieger, Maura Schlairet (for Bonnie Cohen), Mel Schnake, Nancy Swanson. Guests: Jessica Trautwein, Teresa Williams.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. James LaPlant at 2:03 PM.

Keith Warburg from Social Media shared information about a Three-Minute Competition in which colleges and universities across the country are participating. Dissertation students are invited to condense their theses into three-minute presentations using only one slide. The link from the University of Queensland, Australia will be forwarded to committee members for their consideration.

Minutes from February's meeting were approved.

Nominations for Graduate Faculty Status were approved (9 newly appointed, 11 renewals, 1 temporary).

### **College of Arts & Sciences**

New Course – ENGL 8995; Revised Catalog Copy (2) – MA in English. Michael Davey said that the proposals will update comprehensive exam information (reading hours were different from thesis hours). Thesis information will be removed from the catalog; students will be directed to the web site. The proposals were approved.

### **College of Business Administration**

Revised Catalog Copy – MACC Program: Nancy Swanson explained that the proposal eliminates MACC 7030 as an elective. The proposal was approved.

### **College of Education & Human Services**

Revised Catalog Copy – SLPD Program: Corine Myers-Jennings said that the proposal will update admissions requirements for the doctoral program. Revised Course – CSD 5130: The title and course description will be updated. Both proposals were approved.

### **Other Business**

1. Graduate Student Tuition Waivers/Scholarships: James LaPlant reported that the Graduate School will be able to offer up to 20 out-of-state waivers beginning in the fall. Program coordinators can give James or Rebecca Petrella names of possible candidates for waivers. The waivers do not apply to online programs, and students must be U.S. citizens or residents. More information to follow.
2. Graduate Assistantships: James LaPlant said that the summer GA budget is solid for May and June with \$120-\$130K for stipends. Contact Michelle Jordan by April 1 if you are hiring summer GAs. GA of the Year nominations are due by April 1.

3. Marketing: James LaPlant said that he is requesting \$50,000 in year-end money for marketing. Send requests to James for consideration.
4. Graduate Student Symposium – April 17: Teresa Williams reported that there were 46 nominations; 44 are participating. The event will take place April 17, 4:00-6:00 pm in the UC Magnolia Room.
5. Other Topics: The Graduate Dean’s Search has been suspended. It is uncertain as to when the search will resume.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, at 3:00 pm.

Teresa Williams  
Teresa Williams, Recorder

James T. LaPlant  
James T. LaPlant, Ph.D., Interim AVP for  
Research and Dean of the Graduate School