

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Graduate Council Minutes

April 18, 2013

Dempster 102, 8:30 a.m.

Members: Present: Eddleman, presiding; Ahmed, Brune, Eaton, Freshwater, Fulkerson, Gathman, Grueneberg, Gupta, Judd, Odegard-Koester, Roberts, Starrett, Veneziano. **Visitors:** Brittany Singleton, Zachary Singleton, Marcia Haims, Shelba Branscum and Gail Amick.

- A. Dr. Eddleman called the meeting to order and presented the Excellence in Teaching and Research Awards:
1. Excellence in Teaching – Presented to Brittany Singleton. Brittany was nominated by Dr. John Kraemer.
 2. Excellence in Research – Awarded to Justine Daley. Dr. Marcia Haims nominated Justine and represented her as recipient at Graduate Council.

B. The Minutes of March 28, 2013 meeting were approved (Gupta, Eaton)

B. Reports:

Dean -

1. Dr. Eddleman began by mentioning hardly any nominations were made for the Excellence in Teaching and Research Awards. He was unsure of the reasoning behind this. A suggestion was made to move the process to the Fall semester. This process will be placed on the September agenda for making nominations next Fall.
2. Eddleman mentioned the recent completion of Graduate Council elections. He mentioned he was going to try to get an exemption for Graduate Council to allow individuals to succeed themselves.
3. Dr. Eddleman extended an invitation for Graduate Council members and their departments to attend the 2013 Regional CSIS Conference, April 24th at 12:30 pm in Rose Theatre. The keynote speaker, Scott Augenbaugh, will be presenting “7 Revolutions”. Eddleman stated CSIS is actually a U.S. based international think tank. The recent trip to Washington, D.C. allowed our students the opportunity to meet the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff who communicated by Skype, among other speakers.
4. Eddleman wished to conclude his report by mentioning Dr. Sheila Caskey, a long time Dean of Graduate Studies, recently passed away. Eddleman stated Dr. Caskey provided the foundation for much of what Graduate Studies is founded on today.

Admissions:

1. Dr. Eddleman and Julie Gruenenberg mentioned their recent discussion of students who exceed their six year deadline by going on hiatus. Eddleman mentioned these students come to him requesting that old credit be allowed or re-enrollment be granted.

Eddleman and Gruenenberg stated that some universities allow students the opportunity to take a leave of absence. Gruenenberg will be checking with these universities to find out more about the process for this type of leave. She will also inquire about the recordkeeping involved in this process.

Academic Standards Committee Report (Brune): No report

Curriculum Committee Report (Heischmidt): No report

Assessment Committee Report (Judd): No report

C. Action Items:

1. A motion was made to approve the proposal for revision to the current MA in HES requirements (Fulkerson, Gathman). Dr. Branscum was present to discuss the revisions with Graduate Council. A new course mentioned in this revision, DS 618 Environmental Design for Human Services, had not been approved by Graduate Council.

Dr. Eddleman asked to amend the approval of this revision sending receipt of the course Proposal in September. At that time, the course approval will be presented. (Judd, Gathman voted to amend the previous motion).

D. Informational Items:

1. Graduate Faculty Approved:
 - a. Ewelina S. McBroom – Mathematics – Regular
 - b. David R. Starrett – Biology - Associate

Dr. Eddleman ended the meeting by thanking all of the members who served on Graduate Council this year.

Meeting adjourned (Roberts, Gupta).