

# School of Graduate Studies

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## Graduate Council Minutes September 17, 2009

Members Present: Janzow, presiding; Athinarayanan, Bertrand, Branscum, Chamberlain, Chaudhry, Dickson, Dow, Gunn, Heischmidt, Jackson, Judd, Kiehne, Koch, Roberts, Taylor, Vanpool, Zen. Visitors: Drs. Aguinaga, Lo, McDougall, Prater and Mr. Ahmed.

McDougall presented the draft of the International Programs Strategic Plan highlighting the following eight strategic priorities and welcomed any comments/suggestions:

- 1) Enrollment of international students
- 2) Study Abroad opportunities
- 3) Faculty International Activities
- 4) Curriculum
- 5) International Campus Life/On-Campus Programming
- 6) Community Programming
- 7) Faculty Diversity
- 8) Staff Professional Development

Members expressed the need for better communication to the applicants, an issue of work restrictions for new international students, funding, and lack of a system to recruit U.S. citizens who are studying abroad. Mr. Ahmed has developed a work study program for students in which his office would fund 50% of the student's pay while the department would pay the remainder. He also reminded the members that he actively recruits American students studying overseas as well as internationals. McDougall noted that budgeting requests for going abroad had to proceed through the normal budget process.

Minutes of May 7, 2009 were **approved**. (Taylor/Roberts)

Dean's Report:

- The committees will remain the same as last year and tasks for each will be established via a meeting with the chairs.
- Janzow will be meeting with graduate coordinators later this month to discuss the general state of graduate studies as related to:
  - Enrollment Management
  - Recruitment plans for various programs
  - Initiatives for the Fall 2009 semester

Academic Standards Committee Report (Taylor): No Report

Assessment Committee Report (Judd):

- Judd reiterated the need for departments to think about how they're doing things in relation to capstone projects and it was suggested that departments should provide rubrics for non-thesis capstone projects to the Graduate School to keep on hand. Janzow asked members to check with their constituents about submission of these non-capstone projects to the School of Graduate Studies for archiving.

Curriculum Committee Report (Branscum): No report.

Action Items:

- New Program: Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders **approved.** (Roberts/Gunn)
- Program Revision: Master of Science in Nursing-Capstone Requirement **approved.** (Branscum/Chamberlain)

Information Item:

Course **Approved** Via Electronic Vote:  
HL511 Applied Anatomy

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.